

Caregiver's Report to the Court

Child's Name: **RCW 13.50.100**

Legal Case Number:

Hearing Date: **09/01/2016**

County with Legal Jurisdiction: **King**

Caregiver Name/Person providing information: **Foster Mom**

Child's Assigned Social Worker: **Erin Yanus**

Please return Caregiver Report Form (via email, US Postal Service or in person) to the child's assigned social worker and/or guardian ad litem.

TOPICS:

1. Child's strengths, hobbies, gifts, talents, participation in extra-curricular activities/events:



I wish you could meet the little boy in these photos. He is sweet; he is opinionated, and fun. He is pictured here at the Seattle Children's Museum, and baking cookies. He has 2 aprons, one to cook/bake with Mama and one to BBQ with Papa. If it was up to Bug (our sweet nickname for him), he would make sweet treats every day! **RCW 13.50.100** is an adorable, fun, silly little guy. He loves to help with chores. He especially loves to help put away dishes and cook. He especially loves baking cookies. He has a sweet tooth!

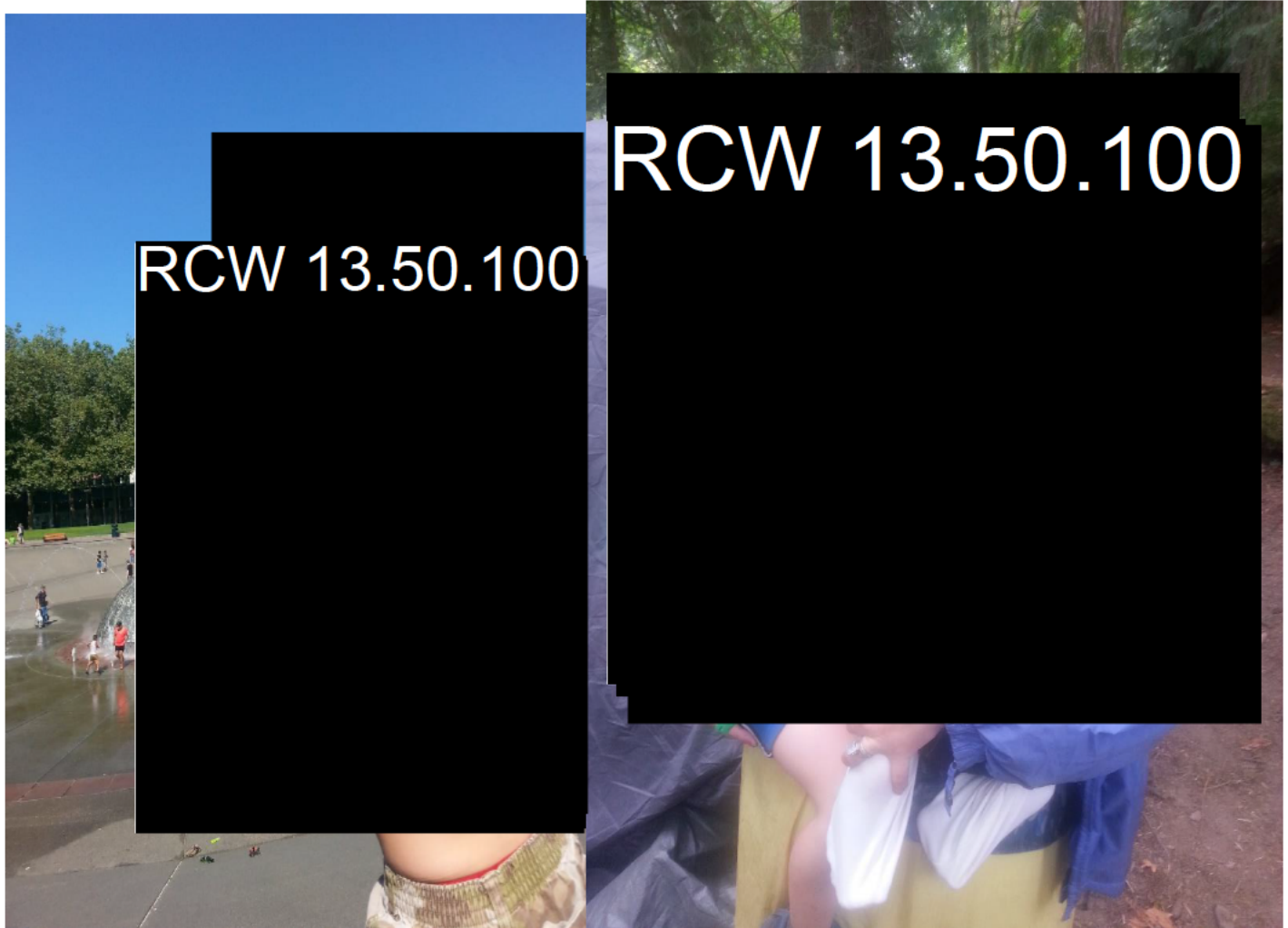
He is a very adventurous eater. Even my hot pho is fair game for this little guy. He likes all types of food. He loves Chinese food, Mediterranean food, and is willing to try anything, especially if it is on Mama's plate. He initially came to us hoarding food. Normally parents are not excited about a picky eater, but we rejoiced when he started getting picky about food because it told us that he is not worried about having enough and worrying about where the next meal is coming from.

Lately, Little Bug has been developing his sense of humor. He is very silly and likes to tease. Now, he will also attempt to say something funny, and then follow it up with, "Mama/Papa that is a joke (giggle, giggle)." It makes us laugh every time!

He has become more and more athletic. It took him some time to learn how to play, but now he loves going to the park (which is almost a daily occurrence- rain or shine). He can actually do the monkey bars ALL by

himself! It took him awhile to figure out how bike pedals work, but he can now pedal around on his bike that we have for him, and we are working on his balance with a balance bike. He loves running, and is super fast. He is pictured below flexing his muscles for us! ☺ He is such a ham! He loves looking at pictures of himself and loves being in pictures.

He loves camping. He loves being outdoors. He has the impeccable ability to get very filthy very quickly. He loves dirt and mud and playing in the water! He loves swimming in the rivers, creeks, lakes, ocean. Any body of water, he is set! We are on a waiting list for him to attend swimming through his OT and speech therapy clinic. He attended gymnastics and loved it! We plan to reenroll this fall after school starts. He also expressed keen interest in dance. We plan to enroll him in Dance as well. The boy has moves!



RCW 13.50.100 has a big heart and is very empathetic towards others (this was not always the case though. This has been a learned behavior over time.) He is very protective of “his people.” He loves “big” without abandon.

RCW 13.50.100 came to us with very limited language, but one phrase he mastered quickly was “I love you big.”

RCW 13.50.100 has completed 1 course of speech therapy. With the therapy with the reading to him every day and talking with him, his language has grown exponentially. He has his own thoughts, feelings, and impression, and now he can actually communicate those to us! I love being able to have a conversation with him. He is so thoughtful, and comes up with the wackiest stuff.

RCW 13.50.100 is very bright. He figures things out and is especially good at manipulating objects and tinkering with them. He has a very curious mind and is always thinking about things and processing things. He figured out our very complicated baby gate, that some adults cannot figure out, in less than a day. He is very mechanical. He likes to build things and process things.

RCW 13.50.100 is starting Kindergarten on 9/7. He is so excited, but also nervous and anxious. He picked out a Minion Backpack and a Spiderman Backpack. For his 5th birthday (which was RCW 13.50.100 we had a huge water themed birthday party, he had a great time. He received as gifts: a Batman coat and Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle Coat. He is so excited to wear them. He has an obsession with TMNT and owns several of the figurines as well. His Papa exposed him to the wonder of the Turtles, and RCW 13.50.100 loves them!

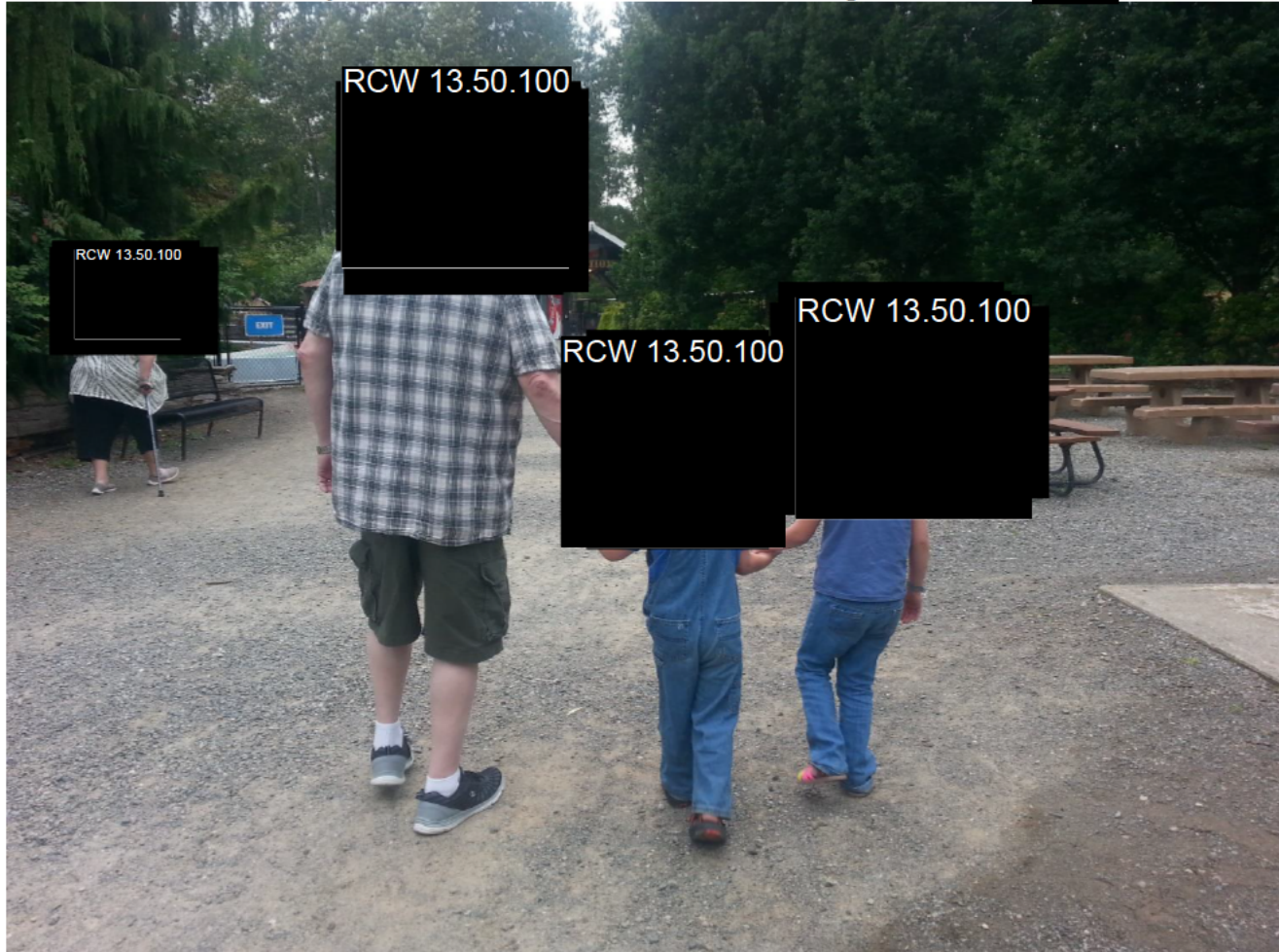
2. Child's social interaction with caregiver family, peers and siblings:



Our family consists of Mama, Papa, RCW 13.50.100 and baby (another foster baby); We also consider baby RCW 13.50.100 (RCW 13.50.100 brother) and RCW 13.50.100 (RCW 13.50.100 sister) as part of our family. We love them so much and miss them. RCW 13.50.100 immediately bonded with Mama. He was much more afraid and wary of any men. He does not do well with men in general. He absolutely loves his Papa now, but it took time to develop that trust. We had to teach RCW 13.50.100 that we would not hurt him and that he was safe. He loves reading books with Papa and playing with Papa.

He is parentified. He seemed to be the primary caregiver to his sister. He tends to take a caretaking role and interacts with children younger than him easily in that caretaker role. He does not seem to know how interact with children his own age. He seems to be a lot more quiet around people he does not know, but he can warm up quickly. He prefers to play with adults over children his own age. He loves playing with and engaging with all the foster babies that we've cared for. He does have a sense of loss when they leave us. He becomes very attached to them. We talk about how this is for baby's best interest when they have to leave us. When this does occur though; it does reignite RCW 13.50.100 own fears of leaving. He will come to us and explain that he does not want to leave. Through his behaviors we understand that he is processing the loss.

He loves our extended family: Grandma, Grandpa, Aunts, Uncles, and cousins. He is spoiled and loved by all of them. He loves his Auntie (calls her [RCW 13.50.100]) and his Grandpa ([RCW 13.50.100]). He came up with the names, but we all absolutely adore them! He also loves his cousins, one he calls "Baby Girl" and the other one "cousin". He ensures that we call [RCW 13.50.100] at least every other day and demands that we see him often. He actually grabs Mama's phone and calls [RCW 13.50.100] at least every other day. He loves seeing them and playing with them. It is abundantly clear that he loves them so much! He is pictured with [RCW 13.50.100] and "Cousin."



3. Child's school progress and adjustment:

[RCW 13.50.100] came to us with very limited language, not potty-trained, with food hoarding, shy, cautious, terrified, and scared. Initially he was scared of everything; the only thing that gave him comfort was his brother. He was especially scared of men. He had constant tantrums. Angry outbursts, was destructive, hurt himself, hurt his brother, and we needed to help him so that he would not hurt himself. He had constant nightmares. One night, I counted 7 nightmares in one night. He had deep circles under his eyes and would be scared to go to bed. He is scared of monsters and bad guys. He is terrified of being abandoned. He has triggers that we are still beginning to learn and understand.

He is now doing very well. We got him placed in [RCW 13.50.100], a therapeutic learning center. He is doing well there. We initially had him at [RCW 13.50.100]. It was rough. He has severe separation anxiety. Every time we left the room, he would freak out as he thought we were abandoning him. [RCW 13.50.100] had a very tough time with him as he would scream almost the entire time that he was there. It was really hard on him and us. He is doing better at transitions, but he does struggle with change.

Structure helps him. We explain what is going to happen and prepare [RCW 13.50.100] for all the upcoming events. We engage in therapeutic behavior modification. [RCW 13.50.100] trusts us and knows that we will come back for him. We still have to reassure him that we will return constantly, but it is much better than it was initially. He no longer food hoards to the extent he did initially. We still worry about overeating as he will eat until he cannot eat anymore.

He is now potty trained, although when his brother was moved without notice to us, he regressed substantially. We are now back to full potty training, and he is almost completely potty trained at night as well. When he does have a triggering traumatic event, he does regress. But we are working through all of those.

He talks a lot now; his vocabulary is blossoming. He loves books. Some kids may sleep with stuffed animals, [RCW 13.50.100] sleeps with books. He is talking a lot more. He needs assistance with pronouncing words sometimes. You can actually hold a conversation and talk to [RCW 13.50.100] now. He can express himself and express his needs. He is sweet; he is cute; he is funny! He is adorable! We love him!

The tantrums are lessening as the triggers are learned and avoided. When visitation was ongoing, the tantrums, nightmares, and triggers were constant. Now that no visitation is occurring at all, the behaviors are less. He knows he is safe and trusts us to keep him safe and protected. We talk about how he is safe on a daily basis. He is triggered by going over the grandparents house where the babies live. On 2 occasions [RCW 13.50.100] was present for those visits. On the first visit, he told [RCW 13.50.100] that he was going to get him back and have him live with him. We were surprised to hear this. [RCW 13.50.100] was upset to hear this. He regressed substantially and had numerous nightmares that night. He advised us multiple times, tearfully, that he did not want to leave us. He wants to live here.

The SW was advised; she told [RCW 13.50.100] and the grandparents that [RCW 13.50.100] was not to be present. Despite this, on [RCW 13.50.100] next visit, [RCW 13.50.100] was present. He told [RCW 13.50.100] he wanted him to meet his new mommy ([RCW 13.50.100] new girlfriend). [RCW 13.50.100] came home from that visit and clung to Mama crying, sobbing that he did not want to leave. After these 2 very traumatic visits and in discussion with [RCW 13.50.100] therapist, she advised that the behaviors and triggers were caused by being over in the grandparents home. [RCW 13.50.100] lived there himself for 1.5 years and has stories, some positive, many negative, about his time living there.

4. Child's physical health (state results of medical and dental appointments):

RCW 70.02.020

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[REDACTED] RCW 70.02.020 [REDACTED]
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Physically, RCW 13.50.100 is doing great. He is growing and getting bigger. He came to us in 3T clothes. He is now about ready to size up into 5 clothes. He has grown about a foot, and is doing wonderfully physically.

He came to us with a pretty nasty cough that has resurfaced a little bit every time he gets a cold.

He has attended his pediatrician regularly, and she is very happy with his growth development since being placed into our home.

5. Child's emotional health and well-being (counselor or therapist appointment schedule):

RCW 13.50.100 had outbursts, tantrums, nightmares, and a multitude of other challenges. We needed help. We got a referral from the pediatrician for a counselor.

RCW 13.50.100 sees the following counselors/therapists every week:

RCW 70.02.020 [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED].

RCW 13.50.100 has disclosed [REDACTED] RCW 13.50.100 [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED].

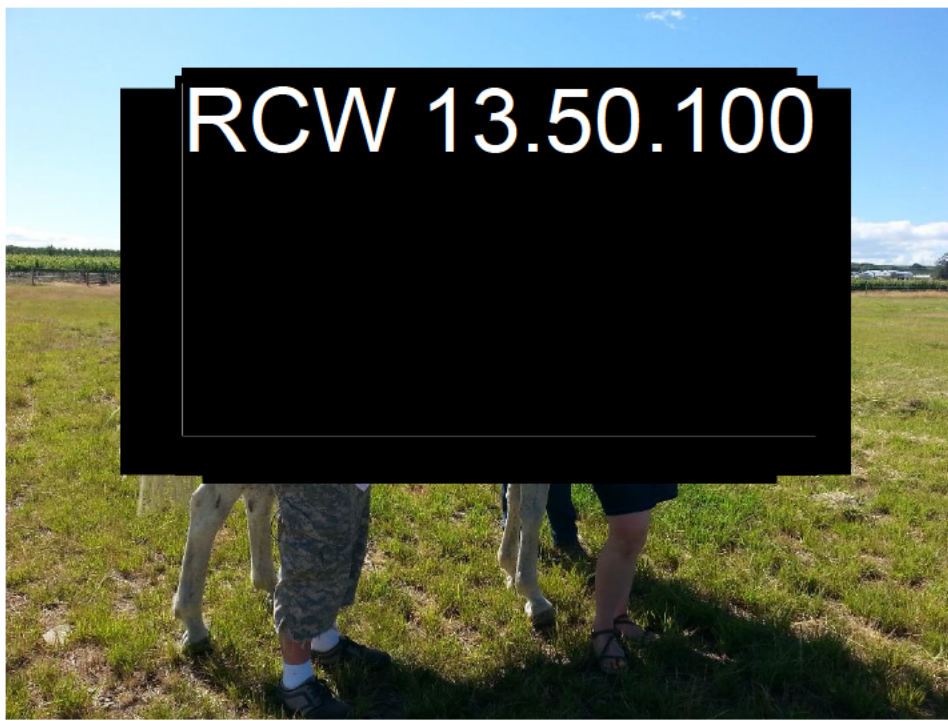
RCW 13.50.100 recently finished his Occupational Therapy and Speech Therapy courses. He is now on another waiting list for these to start up again. These are 1x per week visits.

We completed the Child Find Eval through the RCW 13.50.100 School. He was RCW 13.50.100 [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]. He qualified RCW 13.50.100 RCW 13.50.100. He will be starting kindergarten. He will be a very young kindergartener, but we decided if he needs to be held back, we can make that determination later. He is so smart and catching up so quickly! We think with our help he will be caught up to his peers in no time at all. He will be attending the RCW 13.50.100 which is a more therapeutic environment for children RCW 13.50.100.

6. Child's adjustment to caregiver family and caregiver family expectations:

He is excelling. He knows the house rules and helps us enforce the rules and reminds us when we forget the rules. He loves the structure. He understands the process. He enjoys the family events that we do together. He is thriving. He is trusting. He is loving.



He loves it here. He wants to stay. He encourages us to follow the “Home Rules” if we forget. He will point out negative behaviors that he sees others doing and make observations that those behaviors are not appropriate. He understands our expectations. He actually without prompting apologizes when he does something that is not appropriate. He is self-sufficient, but enjoys having help and individualized one-on-one attention.

He loves horses “woosies” as he calls them. He loves riding them and is so comfortable around him. He is lucky that we have family willing to indulge him (as it will otherwise get very expensive). Immediately after this photo he placed the hat on the horse’s head (after removing it from mine!)

7. Child’s visits with parent(s) and sibling(s):

RCW 13.50.100 loves his siblings. He misses them immensely. They bring him a measure of comfort and peace that as much as we love him and would move heaven and earth for him, we cannot do for him. He talks daily of brother and sister. He prays for them multiple times a day. If we forget to pray for them, he will prompt us to remind us to pray for “brother and sissy.”

RCW 13.50.100 has not seen his mother since he entered care. He mentions on a daily basis that “mommy hurt me; mommy slapped me [he will demonstrate how]; mommy hurt ___[insert body part].” He does the same thing with Daddy. Daddy is RCW 13.50.100 his step-father figure. “Daddy hurt my leg.” “Daddy and mommy hurt my foot, etc...” He also mentions that mommy “broke his birthday.” He has disclosed very serious physical abuse

RCW 13.50.100 He is scared of monsters and bad guys. He has qualified RCW 13.50.100 and Mommy as “bad guys.”

He has also disclosed RCW 13.50.100 from Mommy’s brother RCW 13.50.100” as RCW 13.50.100 calls him.

When RCW 13.50.100 sees RCW 13.50.100 RCW 13.50.100 parents, he has had consist nightmares, night terrors, and more tantrums and behaviors. It has gotten to the point that his counselor believes it is no longer in RCW 13.50.100 best interest to have visitation at the grandparent’s house.

8. Your view on the needs of the child:

He needs a CASA/GAL.

He needs more time with his siblings.

But the time with his siblings needs to be elsewhere. He needs a trigger free environment without [RCW 13.50.100] or grandparents present to allow him to focus on his siblings.

He needs to continue the therapies and treatments that we are currently engaged in.

He needs time to heal and grow.

He needs constant companionship. He hates being alone. He needs adults to be engaged with him and with his play.

Nightmares, potty-training issues, tantrums, behavioral issues tend to be connected with triggers/memories of his trauma. We have noticed that when [RCW 13.50.100] was visiting with the boys, [RCW 13.50.100] would be triggered a lot more often. Even if I had forgotten that a specific day was a visitation day, I could tell by how [RCW 13.50.100] was acting when I got home from work. He was more angry, withdrawn, easily upset, his mood was off. He was not my happy, sweet little boy. The same thing occurs when he sees [RCW 13.50.100] grandparents. This is still very much on-going to the point that [RCW 13.50.100] therapist believes it is no longer in [RCW 13.50.100] best interest to be over at the grandparents home.

(Grandparents have only allowed visitation maybe once, occasionally twice a month, but only at their home on Sundays at 2pm. This is super inconvenient, but they refuse to allow visitation any other day or at any other time. They will not allow us to take the children anywhere, and refuse to accommodate any other schedule. However, they also have repeatedly had [RCW 13.50.100] over at the home despite being told he was not to be present.)

9. Your thoughts on how these needs can be addressed:

Time, therapy, and love.

We are constantly reading articles and books on the traumatized child. It is amazing to implement what we've read and learned. These articles also give us a level of understanding as to why [RCW 13.50.100] behaves in a certain way.

He is always on high alert. His fight, flight, or freeze is a constant in his life. He asks so many repetitive questions because when he is in that state he cannot comprehend the minutia. He has incessant chatter at home. He constantly needs to be reassured that we will return for him. "Mama you get me? Papa get me? I come home on Turtle car?" (The turtle car transports him to/from [RCW 13.50.100].)

He can be very quiet around new faces. He is scared and nervous. When [RCW 13.50.100] says things like you are going to live with me; it is very alarming to [RCW 13.50.100] He craves stability and permanency.

He needs finality and permanency.

10. Your thoughts on Department's case plan:

I do not know what the Department's case plan is; but we want what is in the best interest of the child. (Selfishly, we'd love to keep him and adopt him.) He is a joy. He is wonderful. He is a brilliant, smart, wonderful little boy.

He makes me artwork to take to work and put up for others to see. He is precious. He is precocious. He is silly. He is funny. He has a wicked sense of humor. He teases his Mama about having girlfriends! He says he has lots of girlfriends just to get a rise out of me.

11. Other child/case specific information you wish the court to consider:

We are always willing to take [RCW 13.50.100] and [RCW 13.50.100] to our home to facilitate visitation, or for longer visits. Whatever is in their best interest is what we want. We love [RCW 13.50.100] and his siblings. They are very sweet children.

[RCW 13.50.100] needs finality. He needs to be able to know that he has a forever family and a forever home. The current situation is unstable and does not promote mental health wellbeing. We want to be that forever family for [RCW 13.50.100]

Caregiver's Signature: [RCW 42.56.250(4)]

Signature Date: **8/24/16**

Caregiver's Printed Name: [RCW 42.56.250(4)]

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Hello,

Let me introduce to the wonderful family and child you are going to hear about:



The adorable little 5 year old boy pictured above is drifting without assistance. He has been in care for about a year and a half now. His needs are not being addressed by his SWs. In fact his case procedural history is absolutely outrageous. He needs someone outside of DSHS-CA to stand up for his rights and his needs. We thought you would be the right person for the job, as it is abundantly clear from your website that you care about your constituents and you care about foster children's rights!

Child's name: RCW 13.50.100

Social Worker: Erin Yanus

Social Worker Supervisor: Desiree Rollins

Office Administrator: Cleveland King (Kent Office)

A little history on RCW 13.50.100 case:

He was placed in our home in October 2015 with his little brother RCW 13.50.100. His little sister RCW 13.50.100 was placed with another foster family. We coordinated visitation and became good friends with this other foster family. RCW 13.50.100 was able to see all his siblings regularly.

RCW 13.50.100 came to our home filthy, only about 10-20 words, not potty trained, very developmentally delayed, and with rotten teeth. He was four years old. As he developed language over time, he was able to tell us just some of the heinous things he had been subjected to and witnessed over time. We called these in to End Harm. They advised us to please calling these things in as they had so many open complaints about him that they really did not need anymore. He had a very tough life.

Once he came to us though, we provided him with the most stable, loving home that he had ever been in. We loved him through his trauma and got him hooked into needed services. He was our first placement. We assumed the SW would

assist us getting him services. It became apparent that she was going to do nothing, except accuse us of stealing other people's children and mention that we are not the same race as [RCW 13.50.100] so thus we would not understand his needs. We went to the pediatrician. We got referrals to Occupational Therapy, Speech Therapy, and Counseling. We also flexed our lifestyle to stay at home with him until we could get him into therapeutic day cares. We knew we could not just put him in a mediocre daycare. He has such significant attachment and abandonment issues. We were able to get him into [RCW 13.50.100] and [RCW 13.50.100]. He did very well there. We were able to get him involved in all his therapies.

Fast forwarding, [RCW 13.50.100] was being forced to go to visitation with [RCW 13.50.100] to see [RCW 13.50.100] father (not [RCW 13.50.100] father). This person, according to [RCW 13.50.100], subjected him to significant trauma. There was no need for [RCW 13.50.100] to be at these visitations. He was diagnosed with [RCW 70.02.02] and post-visitation, he had severe triggers, significant nightmares and behaviors. I could set a watch by the behaviors exhibited post-visit. We voiced our concerns about this. Instead of listening to us and [RCW 13.50.100] counselor, the SW said that we are not supporting the department. So, she would just move the child. Anytime we voiced concerns, she threatened us.

This SW was later fired/left the department. Desiree Rollins became in charge of the case. One day when the children were returned from a visit, the visitation supervisor advised us that they were moving the baby tomorrow. We were appalled. [RCW 13.50.100] was parentified when he came into care. He showed us how to prop a bottle to feed [RCW 13.50.100] because he thought that would be helpful. He knew how to care for [RCW 13.50.100]. He would fall into those patterns when we got all the kids together. However, being able to be a child with his little brother was very therapeutic for him. We knew a move would be very traumatic for him.

We knew that department policy required FTDMs and transition plans. We knew none of those things had occurred here. Rollins was not responsive; she did not respond to emails, phone calls, etc. She was not receptive to emails regarding [RCW 13.50.100] needs. Finally, after emails to her, we get an email saying that she should have told us. Baby is moving tomorrow. We were naturally upset. I got on the phone and email and went up the line, ultimately getting Rollins in trouble. She allowed us to keep the baby until Monday. She held a perfunctory FTDM on Monday, but ordered us to bring all baby's things to the FTDM. The other foster parents were not as active in getting Rollins in trouble. They moved [RCW 13.50.100] on that day (Friday). We thought the discrepancy in treatment was odd.

At the FTDM Rollins would not acknowledge our presence. Dismissed our concerns, and we cold, rude, icy. She clearly did not appreciate that we had advocated for our children's needs. They did not even transition the kids. There was no need for an emergent move. [RCW 13.50.100] regressed substantially post-move. [RCW 13.50.100] at that point was potty trained, working on night time potty training, and had language abilities. He had significant nightmares, needed diapers again, and things were very rough for him. It was apparent Rollins did not consider [RCW 13.50.100] needs at all.

We did coordinate visits with the paternal grandparents. But at one point they cut us off from visits because they claimed, that we spoiled [RCW 13.50.100]. That [RCW 13.50.100] missed us too much post-visits and was very upset. Thus, they did not want any of us over there. They refused to allow us to take the kiddos anywhere else or have visitation anywhere else. They also would not allow us to hold [RCW 13.50.100] too much or bounce him, because that was spoiling him. This impacted [RCW 13.50.100]. When they allowed us to restart visits, they would have the father present at visits which impacted [RCW 13.50.100]. The SW (Erin Yanus) did step in to prevent this. But the paternal grandparents did not listen. The counselor at this point advised it may not be in [RCW 13.50.100] best interest to see any of them due to his trauma. But then the children were returned home to father.

We attended every court hearing. [RCW 13.50.100] was always treated as an afterthought because birth mom was not showing up. She has not seen [RCW 13.50.100] since he entered care. The other children were ultimately returned home to father. [RCW 13.50.100] case has just tracked along with the other children's.

Then September 26, 2016, we kept [RCW 13.50.100] home from school for the first time ever. He had been a little sick that weekend. We had taken him to the [RCW 13.50.100] Fair and for a walk on that Sunday to pick apples. Then Monday came, and he was sick. He developed a huge rash on his face. We were naturally concerned. We rushed him to the doctor. The doctor just advised that kids sometimes get rashes at the end of sickness. She gave him medications in the office and sent us home with prescriptions. It was past [RCW 13.50.100] bedtime at that time. He was overtired and had not eaten dinner. We got him a Wendy's kids meal and ran to the pharmacy to fill his prescriptions. The female pharmacy talked to him. She asked him if he was sure he would not swallow the drinkable kids stuff. (He really won't! We have tried everything! We have tried putting it in things... he always detects it!) He promised her that he absolutely will not take the oral stuff. She educated me on how to cut the tablets in half for him.

We got him home. Quick bath, and creams on his rash all over his face, head, ear. Bedtime ritual (scripture, prayers,

bedtime story books, cuddles, Mama/Papa holds his hand till he falls asleep, sometimes songs.) and bed. It was late.

The next morning, I went off to work. [RCW 13.01] always made me promise to kiss him goodbye. Sometimes he would even get up and give me hug and kisses before I left. Then he would lock the door and skedaddle back to bed. He was too tired for that this morning- Sept 27th, 2016. I gave him kisses and left. He was so tired. The rash was still prominently on his face/head/ear. We did not think about sending a note or calling the school. Still new to this parenting thing. I wish I had taken photos and sent them with the email to the SW regarding this event. But, I can not go back in time.

An allegation was made by the school... not by the doctor who is a mandatory reporter, not the pharmacist who has obligations to call in child abuse, not by anyone until some random person at school saw his face and assumed the worst. [RCW 13.01] was picked up that day.

Ultimately the allegation was determined unfounded. We were investigated thoroughly nothing came of it. Our license was fully reinstated.

Since that time, we have been offered a five year old boy for an adoptive home, a 14 day old baby, and been called multiple times by placement to take other children. It is apparent that we are a viable home.

However, since leaving our home, [RCW 13.01] has been moved upwards of 4 times. He has been on the placement list numerous times. We have asked and begged for [RCW 13.01] to be returned to us. However, Desiree Rollins is being vindictive, punitive, and retaliatory. She was the supervisor of the SW that threatened to move [RCW 13.01] initially if we made too many waves and made her job difficult. We actually got her in trouble. And she is now taking this opportunity to exact revenge, but at the expense of a child. A sweet loving little boy! The SW/Supervisor told us that while the investigation was still pending that if it did not matter the outcome, they will not be placing him back with us. I asked the DLR investigator if she had EVER heard of a situation like this. She advised that she had not heard of another time that a SW did this. The referrer in the police report lied: she said I did not tell her about the incident. I have a documented email. Then she resorted to name-calling, describing me as an "over-sharerer." I am protecting our child.

We have documented evidence that CA has not followed protocol or procedure. It is procedure to place a child back into a known foster home. We still have our license. If CA thought we were not safe for children, we would not have gotten our license back. We have been offered other children, even a 5 year old boy! They never provided an ISSP ever at any time. Baby and [RCW 13.01] came back into care. We were known, beloved, family-figures to them. They did not call us for placement. They cannot even argue that it was because of the allegation (which has been the party line when broached, even though it was determined unfounded) because there were no allegations at all with those two.

[RCW 13.01] is drifting and is being lost in the cracks. We asked for CASA/GAL to be assigned almost from day one. CA has never appointed him a CASA. He needs someone who will actually advocate for his needs and his rights. It is apparent that CA will not do so. This is absolutely outrageous that his child suffers while the SW/Supervisors act in a selfish, retaliatory, vindictive manner. We were [RCW 13.01] voice that got his needs addressed.

We love him more than is even adequately able to be described. We have been fighting to get him back. Despite our open beds and open license, placement was advised by the SW/SW supervisor that she was not allowed to place [RCW 13.01] with us. Due to the personal vendetta the department has against us, they refuse to act in [RCW 13.01] best interest.

Please assign investigate the department; call them to ask for their acts. They will not respond to us!

We have tried to address this up the chain of command. We started with the SW/Supervisor who have never responded. We addressed this with Cleveland King. He protected his people who are acting in retaliatory manner. We have attempted to address this with Bolesha Johnson and Yen Lawlor, Deputy Regional Administrators, but they will not respond to phone calls, emails, letters, etc. We were told we have to go through them before going up to Natalie Green. However the department is being very obstructionist about being responsive.

We have consulted with an attorney and are considering filing a MEPA/IEPA race claim against the department for their retaliatory actions based on race. We are also considering filing a Public Records Act Claim as they will not comply with the PRA. We are also considering an outright lawsuit. However, they are very well-represented, and it is hard to intervene as a foster parent into a dependency case. We have no rights as foster parents. This is despicable.

We have many letters from [RCW 13.01] counselor, family, etc., that are supportive of reunifying this family.

Please review the 2 court reports below to see a little into our family, ^{RCW 13.50.0} growth and development, and how ^{RCW 13} being with us is in his best interest. Please take action and open an investigation into CA's lack of compliance with their own policies and protocols.

Kind regards,

RCW 42.56.250(4)

"If you can change the life of one person, you have the potential to change the world."

"Fiat Justitia, Ruat Coelum" Loosely translated: "Let Justice be done, though the heavens may fall."

Caregiver's Report to the Court

Child's Name: **RCW 13.50.100**

Legal Case Number:

Hearing Date: **04/14/2016**

County with Legal Jurisdiction: **King**

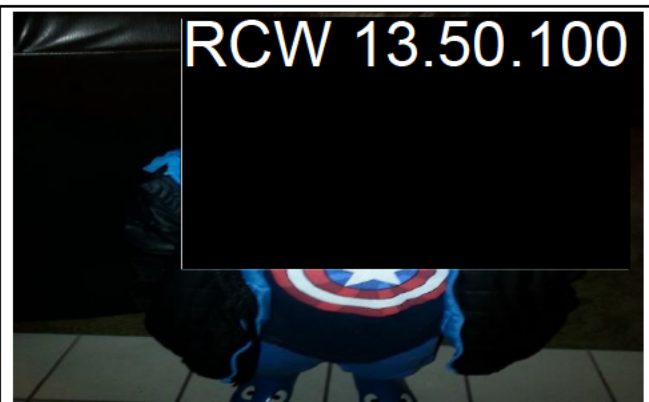
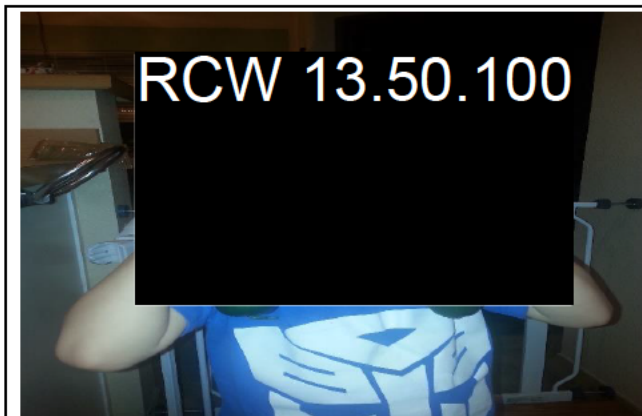
Caregiver Name/Person providing information: **Foster Mom; Foster Dad will be present for the hearing on 4/14/16**

Child's Assigned Social Worker: **Desiree Rollins**

Please return Caregiver Report Form (via email, US Postal Service or in person) to the child's assigned social worker and/or guardian ad litem.

TOPICS:

1. Child's strengths, hobbies, gifts, talents, participation in extra-curricular activities/events:



RCW 13.50.100 sings now! That may not mean anything to someone who has not been with him constantly, but the amazing journey of this sweet little boy is culminated by singing. When **RCW 13.50.100** came to us, he was quiet, afraid, fearful, anxious, on high alert and constantly being triggered (fight, flight or freeze) by his surroundings, singing was not part of his life. **RCW 13.50.100** was silent. He was watchful, he was wary. His silence was interrupted by

screaming tantrums and nonsensical words. language alluded him. Sleep and nighttime had its own set of concerns as sleep was punctuated and staccatoed by the screams of his nightly nightmares. But, RCW 13.50.100 sings now!

“Mama, those are my ears! Mama take a picture of me and my ears,” that is what RCW 13.50.100 told me which prompted me to take that photo of his cucumber “ears;” well that, and he is so adorable! RCW 13.50.100 is an adorable, fun, silly little guy. He loves to help with chores. He especially loves to help put away dishes and cook. He has 2 aprons; 1 for cooking with Mama and the other for bbqing and grilling with Papa. He loves his aprons. He especially loves baking cookies and being involved in the kitchen. He has a sweet tooth; if there is anything sweet in the house, he will find it!

The transition from fearful boy to fun loving little guy took time. The sweet, caring little boy was there, but we had to ensure that he knew he was safe and protected before he began to let us see his sweet loving side. We rightfully had to earn his trust.

et us tell you a little bit about our lovely boy. He is an adventurous eater. ven my hot pho is fair game for this little guy. He likes all types of food, especially veggies. He initially came to us hoarding food. He would wake in the middle of the night and take/eat food. He would eat until his tummy hurt (he still does; we are working with him on this.) arly on with us, we made Cr me Brule. We placed it in the fridge to cool with plans to eat it later. My husband was out, and I was in the back bedroom. I heard a shuffling noise and the pitter patter of little feet back to RCW 13.50.100 bedroom; I looked around and did not think much of it at the time. A bit later, I pulled out the Cr me Brule; there was a little handful of it gone with fingerprints. Being a new mom, I assumed it was my husband; he quickly advised that it was not him, and at that point we both clearly reali ed what had occurred. We started laughing uncontrollably. We still giggle about the “Crème Brule” incident!

Normally parents are not excited about a picky eater, but we rejoiced when he started getting picky about food because it told us that he is no longer worried about having enough nor is he worried about where the next meal is coming from. RCW 13.50.100 disclosed that “Mommy was mean” and would not share the food that they had to eat but would eat in front of him.

Our little guy is a fashionista! He loves clothes and dressing himself. He has an impeccable sense of style. He may occasionally change his clothes multiple times a day, much to our chagrin. He also loves to help Mama pick out her clothes, jewelry, and shoes for the day. He loves to style her and help her shop as well. He will always tell you what he thinks of an outfit.

He has a big heart and is very empathetic towards others (this was not always the case though. This has been a learned behavior over time.) He is very protective of “his people.” He loves “big” without abandon. RCW 13.50.100 came to us with very limited language, but one phrase he mastered quickly was “I love you big.”

He is very athletic. We go to the park almost every day to let him run, climb, and play. He quickly masters physical activities and climbs as high as he can go. He scares us at times with his physical abilities to climb higher and higher on the playground equipment, but he is quick and has sure footing, and we are always close by to ensure he is safe. He loves the outdoors. He would prefer to be outdoors over almost anywhere! He is a fast runner. He will definitely be a force to be reckoned with as he gets older.

We have him registered for gymnastics starting end of April, which RCW 13.50.100 is very excited about. He is also going to start swimming lessons. We have begun to teach him, ourselves, how to swim, and he has taken to it like a fish.

RCW 13.50.100 is very bright. He figures things out and is especially good at manipulating and tinkering with objects. He has a very curious mind and is always thinking about things and processing things. He figured out our very complicated baby gate, that some adults cannot figure out, in less than a day. He is very mechanical. He likes to build things and process things. But above all else; RCW 13.50.100 sings now!

2. Child's social interaction with caregiver family, peers and siblings:



Our family consists of Mama, Papa, RCW 13.50.100 and baby (RCW 13.50.100 until baby was placed with his paternal grandparents. RCW 13.50.100 immediately bonded with Mama. He was much more afraid and wary of any men. He does not do well with men in general, but he absolutely loves his Papa now. It took time to develop that trust.

We had to teach RCW 13.50.100 that we would not hurt him and that he was safe. Even so he expects physical punishment; at times, he will direct us to spank him, and when we refuse (as we always do), he will RCW 13.50.100. We have been working with his counselor to assist us in handling these behaviors.

His bedtime ritual culminates with reading books with Papa. He loves reading books with Papa and playing (tickle fights, chasing/running from Papa monster, pretending to be a bear and chasing Papa, etc.) with Papa. One of the worst punishments for RCW 13.50.100 is taking away his privilege to have Papa read books to him.

RCW 13.50.100 is parentified and takes on the caregiver role with younger children. He appeared to have been the primary caregiver to his sister; he is invested in her life and her well-being. He asks about her and brother multiple times daily. When he is with her, he acts as her caregiver and attempts to modify her behaviors. He is so sweet and loving to her. He tends to take a caretaking role with children younger than him. He does not seem to know how to interact with children his own age.

He seems to be a lot more quiet around people he does not know, but he can warm up quickly. He prefers to play with adults over children his own age. He loves our extended family: randma, randpa, Aunts, Uncles, and cousins. He is spoiled and loved by all of them.

3. Child's school progress and adjustment:



RCW 13.50.100 came to us: quiet, scared, manipulative, limited-in-language, not potty-trained, hoarding food, shy, cautious, and terrified of being abandoned. Initially he was scared of everything; the only thing that gave him comfort was his brother. He was especially scared of men.

He had constant tantrums, and he was being triggered by every day events. RCW 13.50.100

RCW 13.50.100 e did not know how to interact with other children his own age. It takes him time, even now, to understand how to play with children his own age.

Abandonment is huge challenge for our little guy. He fears not being retrieved and being permanently abandoned. One time, we were visiting some friends, and I realized I needed to retrieve something out of the car. I left him momentarily to retrieve it. When I retrieved he was screaming uncontrollably with huge tears running down his cheeks. "Mama left me! Mama left me!" It broke my heart. This, unfortunately was not an isolated incident. To combat this, we plan with our little guy. We start the day before and explain what will occur and when. We have a firm structure and plan for every day. Every day, multiple times a day, we reassure him that we will pick him up and be there for him.

Bedtime was a significant challenge as bedtime was/is a triggering event for him. He would scream for hours. We had to rock him to sleep. Even when sleep came, which initially, it did not come easy. He had constant nightmares. One night, I counted 7 nightmares in one night. He had deep circles under his eyes and would be scared to go to bed. He is scared of monsters and bad guys. We created a monster spray that he keeps in his room to vanquish the monsters. We developed a set schedule of bedtime; his favorite part is "books." Every evening he gets to choose a couple of books that Papa will read to him. Slowly over time, we transitioned to just simply holding his hand as he drifted off to sleep. And, just very recently, we transitioned him into, tucking him in, good nights hugs and kisses, and just a bit of time cuddling. Then Mama promises to check on him in 5 minutes; then we leave the room and check on him every 5 minutes till he falls asleep. This occasionally works, but it still is a transition that we are hoping will stick. He still wakes up almost daily due to nightmares.

He is accustomed to level of chaos that is abnormal in our home. He attempts to try to recreate that chaos by trying to pit us against each other. He is very good at manipulating us, but he finding less and less need to use those survival tactics. He understands that lying will not be tolerated. He understands 1-2-3 Magic (our parenting technique that his counselor advised us to us as a parenting tool) and understands actions have consequences.

He is a different child from the one that was originally placed with us, who was on constant high alert. He is doing very well. He attends RCW 13.50.100, a therapeutic learning center. He is doing well there. We initially had him at RCW 13.50.100. It was rough. He had/has severe separation anxiety. Every time we left the room, he would cry, scream, tantrum as he thought we were abandoning him. RCW 13.50.100 had a very tough time with him as he would scream almost the entire time that he was there. It was really hard on him and us. He is doing better at transitions, but he does struggle with change.

Structure helps him. We explain what is going to happen and prepare RCW 13.50.100 for all the upcoming events. We engage in therapeutic behavior modification (e.g., 1-2-3 magic, time outs and time ins) as directed by his counselor. RCW 13.50.100 trusts us and knows that we will come back for him. We still have to reassure him that we will return constantly, but it is much better than it was initially. He no longer food hoards to the extent he did initially. We still worry about overeating as he will eat until he cannot eat anymore.

He is now potty trained, although when his brother was moved without notice to us, he regressed substantially. We are now almost back to being fully potty training.

He talks a lot more now; his vocabulary is blossoming. He loves books and reading. Some kids may sleep with stuffed animals, RCW 13.50.100 sleeps with books. He talks a bit more. We practice with him. We work on counting, letters, colors. We have him repeat our sentence structure. We have him watch educational programs like "Daniel Tiger."

The tantrums are lessening as the triggers are learned and avoided. When visitation was ongoing, the tantrums, nightmares, and triggers were constant. Now that no visitation is occurring at all, the behaviors are less. He knows he is safe and trusts us to keep him safe and protected. We talk about how he is safe on a daily basis.

4. Child's physical health (state results of medical and dental appointments):

RCW 70.02.020
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Physically, RCW 13.50.100 is doing great. He is growing and getting bigger. He has grown quite a bit and is about to size up into the next size. His feet have grown through 3 different shoe sizes. He often will complain that his “feet hurt.” We discussed this with his pediatrician; she believes that it is the growing pains.

He came to us with a pretty nasty cough that has resurfaced a little bit every time he gets a cold.

He attends his pediatrician regularly, and she is very happy with his growth development since being placed into our home.

5. Child’s emotional health and well-being (counselor or therapist appointment schedule):

When RCW 13.50.100 came to us, he had outbursts, tantrums, nightmares, and a multitude of other challenges. We needed help. We got a referral from his pediatrician for a counselors and therapists.

RCW 13.50.100 sees the following counselors/therapists every week:

RCW 70.02.020

We completed the Child Find val through the RCW 13.50. School. He was RCW 13.50.100

6. Child’s adjustment to caregiver family and caregiver family expectations:

He is excelling. He knows the house rules and helps us enforce the rules and reminds us when we forget the rules. He knows we do not wear shoes in the house. He knows to clear his plate after mealtime. He knows to put his toys away after he has finished playing. When we have friends over, he directs our friends to follow the rules. He loves the structure. He understands the process.

He enjoys the family events that we do together. He is thriving. He is trusting. He is loving. RCW 13.50.100 sings now. He loves music. He loves family dance parties. He loves cuddles and snuggles. He loves without abandon. He is no longer on high alert, and enjoys being a carefree boy.

He is very excited for it to get warm enough to start camping and hiking. Every time he sees our tent he exclaims, “Mama, what’s that?” To which we respond, “ You know what that is!” RCW 13.50.100 then giggles, “Tent.”

7. Child's visits with parent(s) and sibling(s):

RCW 13.50.100 loves his siblings. He misses them immensely. They bring him a measure of comfort and peace that as much as we love him and would move heaven and earth for him, we cannot give him that peace. He talks daily of brother and sister. He prays for them multiple times a day. If we forget to pray for them, he will prompt us to remind us to pray for "brother and sissy."

RCW 13.50.100 has not seen his mother since he entered care. RCW 13.50.100

RCW 13.50.100 He also mentions that mommy "broke his birthday." (He is very excited about his birthday coming up in July. He would like (depending on the day) an lmo cake, a monster cake, or a chocolate cake with two cars on it.) RCW 13.50.100

RCW 13.50.100. He mentions on a daily basis that his mother and step-father figure hurt him.

He also talks about RCW 13.50.100 we believe this is his mother's brother "RCW 13.50.100" who hurt him.

When RCW 13.50.100 was told that he was going to visit Mommy, he became both very excited and very agitated, angry and upset. RCW 13.50.100

RCW 13.50.100 However, as visitation has never occurred (as mother no-showed), these behaviors have lessened and disappeared.

RCW 13.50.100 was having sibling visits with "Sissy" at the same time that RCW 13.50.100 was having visits with "Baby" and "Sissy." RCW 13.50.100 behaviors were drastically different after visitation. RCW 13.50.100

RCW 13.50.100 even if we had not been told that RCW 13.50.100 had had visitation with "Daddy," from his behaviors, it was always apparent. Slowly after a visit was conducted, the behaviors would lessen, but then as soon as the next visit occurred, all the same behaviors would be exhibited.

8. Your view on the needs of the child:

He needs a CASA/ A .

He needs more time with his siblings. We would like him to be allowed to see his siblings at least once a week. We have been accommodating that schedule and have been making the drive, but the grandparents feel that once a week is too often. They are not allowing RCW 13.50.100 to see his siblings every week. Due to the grandparents reluctance to allow visits, RCW 13.50.100 has not seen his siblings in two weeks.

He needs to continue the therapies and treatments that we are currently engaged in.

He needs time to heal and grow.

He needs constant companionship. He hates being alone. He needs adults to be engaged with him and with his play.

Nightmares, potty-training issues, tantrums, behavioral issues tend to be connected with triggers/memories of his trauma. We have noticed that when RCW 13.50.100 was visiting with the boys, RCW 13.50.100 would be triggered a lot more often.

even if I had forgotten that a specific day was a visitation day, I could tell by how RCW 13.50.100 was acting when I got home from work. RCW 13.50.100. He was not my happy, sweet little boy. The same thing occurs to a lesser extent when he sees RCW 13.50.100 grandparents (who have his siblings).

9. Your thoughts on how these needs can be addressed:

Time, therapy, and love.

We are constantly reading articles and books on the “traumatized child.” It is amazing to implement what we’ve read and learned. These articles also give us a level of understanding as to why RCW 13.50.100 behaves in a certain way.

He is always on high alert. His fight, flight, or freeze is a constant in his life. He asks so many repetitive questions because when he is in that state he cannot comprehend the minutia. He has incessant chatter at home. He constantly needs to be reassured that we will return for him. “Mama you get me? Papa get me? I come home on Turtle car?” (The turtle car transports him to/from RCW 13.50.100)

He can be very quiet around new faces. He is scared and nervous. One day my sister came over. This was when baby was still in the NICU, and we were going to visit. We put his car seat in her car because it was roomier. RCW 13.50.100 got so scared. “Mama I don’t wanna go. No! Don’t make me go!!” He thought we were sending him away. That fear of abandonment is a very real, constant fear that we need to manage and address. We do this through structure. Structure and schedules are very important to maintaining his stability and emotional well-being.

He needs finality and permanency.

10. Your thoughts on Department’s case plan:

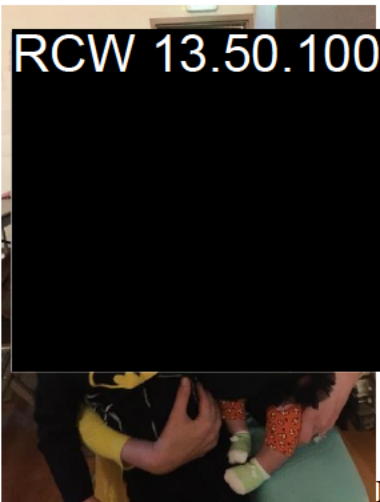
I do not know what the Department’s case plan is, but at this point in the plan, I assume the plan is reunification as that is always the initial goal.

We want what is in the best interest of the child.

(Selfishly, we’d love to keep him and adopt him.) He is a joy. He is wonderful. He is a brilliant, smart, wonderful little boy.

He makes me artwork to take to work and put up for others to see. He is precious. He is precocious. He is silly. He is funny. He has a wicked sense of humor. He teases his Mama about having girlfriends! He says he has lots of girlfriends just to get a rise out of me.

11. Other child/case specific information you wish the court to consider:



We love him so much! Pictured with Foster mom and his cousin; Batman and Batgirl. **RCW 13.50.100** calls his niece "baby girl;" he loves her very much!

Caregiver's Signature: **RCW 42.56.250(4)**

Signature Date: **3/28/16**

Caregiver's Printed Name: **RCW 42.56.250(4)** **Foster Mom)**

Caregiver's Report to the Court

Child's Name: **RCW 13.50.100**

Legal Case Number:

Hearing Date: **09/01/2016**

County with Legal Jurisdiction: **King**

Caregiver Name/Person providing information: **Foster Mom**

Child's Assigned Social Worker: **Erin Yanus**

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TOPICS:

1. Child's strengths, hobbies, gifts, talents, participation in extra-curricular activities/events:



I wish you could meet the little boy in these photos. He is sweet; he is opinionated, and fun. He is pictured here at the Seattle Children's Museum, and baking cookies. He has 2 aprons, one to cook/bake with Mama and one to BBQ with Papa. If it was up to Bug (our sweet nickname for him), he would make sweet treats every day! **RCW 13.50.100** is an adorable, fun, silly little guy. He loves to help with chores. He especially loves to help put away dishes and cook. He especially loves baking cookies. He has a sweet tooth!

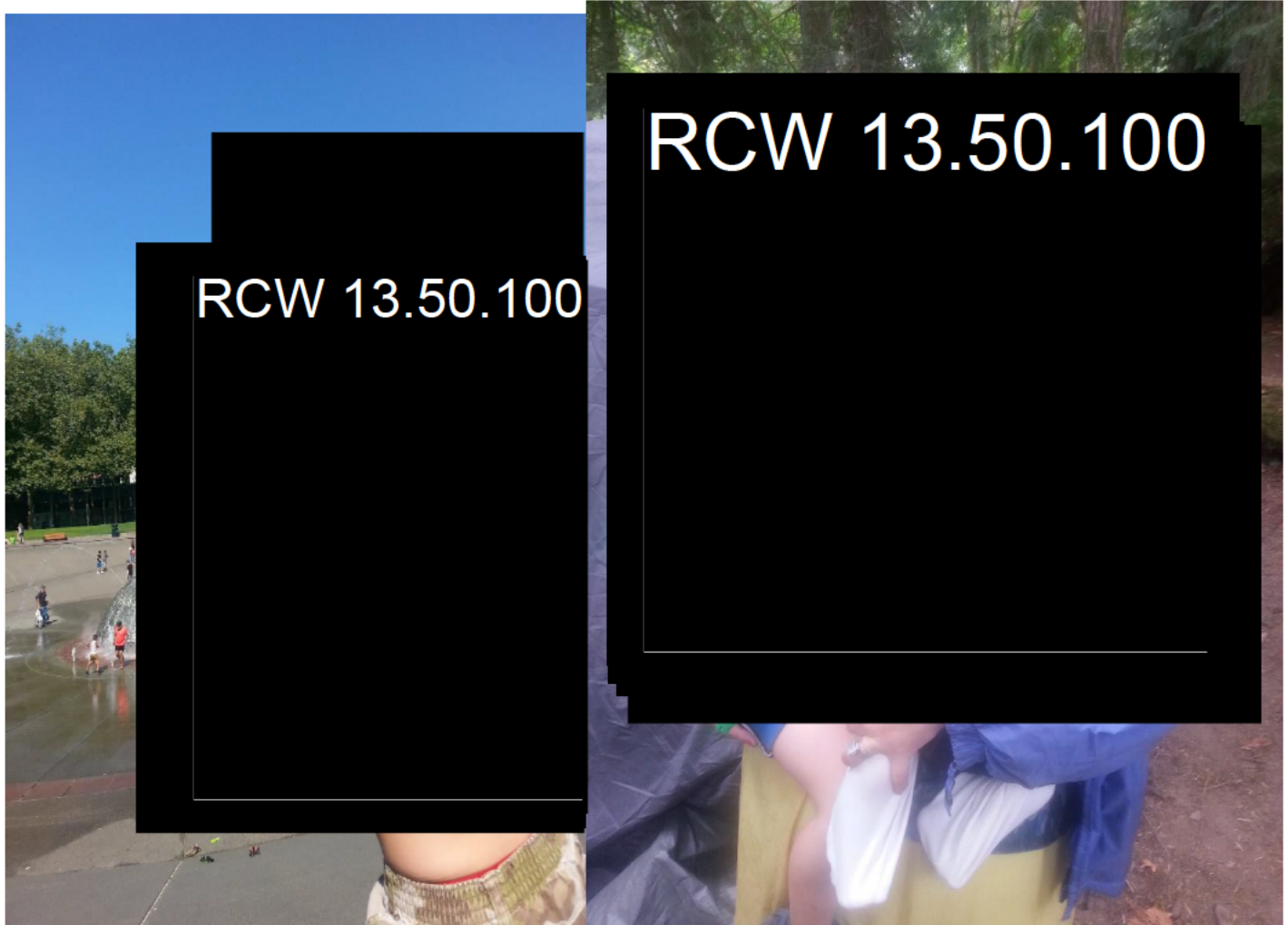
He is a very adventurous eater. Even my hot pho is fair game for this little guy. He likes all types of food. He loves Chinese food, Mediterranean food, and is willing to try anything, especially if it is on Mama's plate. He initially came to us hoarding food. Normally parents are not excited about a picky eater, but we rejoiced when he started getting picky about food because it told us that he is not worried about having enough and worrying about where the next meal is coming from.

Lately, Little Bug has been developing his sense of humor. He is very silly and likes to tease. Now, he will also attempt to say something funny, and then follow it up with, "Mama/Papa that is a joke (giggle, giggle)." It makes us laugh every time!

He has become more and more athletic. It took him some time to learn how to play, but now he loves going to the park (which is almost a daily occurrence- rain or shine). He can actually do the monkey bars ALL by

himself! It took him awhile to figure out how bike pedals work, but he can now pedal around on his bike that we have for him, and we are working on his balance with a balance bike. He loves running, and is super fast. He is pictured below flexing his muscles for us! ☺ He is such a ham! He loves looking at pictures of himself and loves being in pictures.

He loves camping. He loves being outdoors. He has the impeccable ability to get very filthy very quickly. He loves dirt and mud and playing in the water! He loves swimming in the rivers, creeks, lakes, ocean. Any body of water, he is set! We are on a waiting list for him to attend swimming through his OT and speech therapy clinic. He attended gymnastics and loved it! We plan to reenroll this fall after school starts. He also expressed keen interest in dance. We plan to enroll him in Dance as well. The boy has moves!



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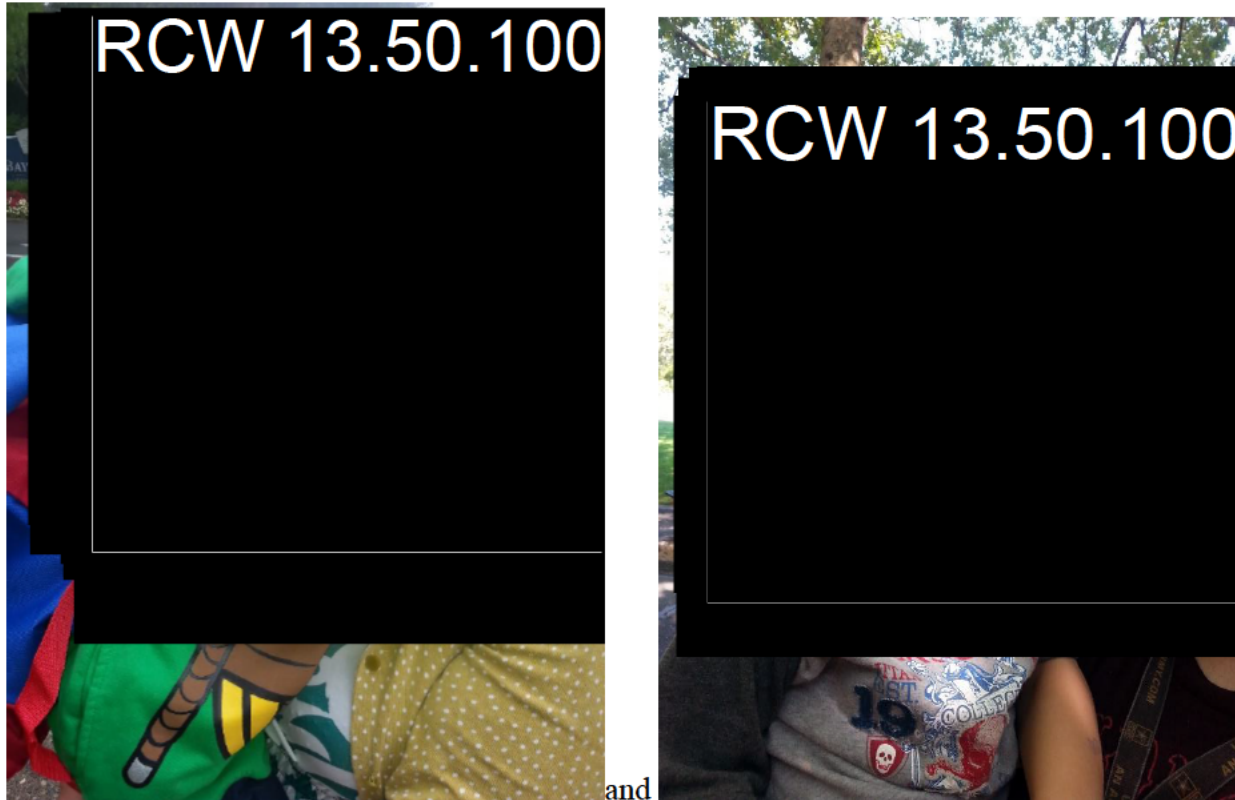
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RCW 13.50.100 has completed 1 course of speech therapy. With the therapy with the reading to him every day and talking with him, his language has grown exponentially. He has his own thoughts, feelings, and impression, and now he can actually communicate those to us! I love being able to have a conversation with him. He is so thoughtful, and comes up with the wackiest stuff.

RCW 13.50.100 is very bright. He figures things out and is especially good at manipulating objects and tinkering with them. He has a very curious mind and is always thinking about things and processing things. He figured out our very complicated baby gate, that some adults cannot figure out, in less than a day. He is very mechanical. He likes to build things and process things.

RCW 13.50.100 is starting Kindergarten on 9/7. He is so excited, but also nervous and anxious. He picked out a Minion Backpack and a Spiderman Backpack. For his 5th birthday (which was RCW 13.50.100 we had a huge water themed birthday party, he had a great time. He received as gifts: a Batman coat and Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle Coat. He is so excited to wear them. He has an obsession with TMNT and owns several of the figurines as well. His Papa exposed him to the wonder of the Turtles, and RCW 13.50.100 loves them!

2. Child's social interaction with caregiver family, peers and siblings:



Our family consists of Mama, Papa, RCW 13.50.100 and baby (another foster baby); We also consider baby RCW 13.50.100 (RCW 13.50.100 brother) and RCW 13.50.100 (RCW 13.50.100 sister) as part of our family. We love them so much and miss them. RCW 13.50.100 immediately bonded with Mama. He was much more afraid and wary of any men. He does not do well with men in general. He absolutely loves his Papa now, but it took time to develop that trust. We had to teach RCW 13.50.100 that we would not hurt him and that he was safe. He loves reading books with Papa and playing with Papa.

He is parentified. He seemed to be the primary caregiver to his sister. He tends to take a caretaking role and interacts with children younger than him easily in that caretaker role. He does not seem to know how interact with children his own age. He seems to be a lot more quiet around people he does not know, but he can warm up quickly. He prefers to play with adults over children his own age. He loves playing with and engaging with all the foster babies that we've cared for. He does have a sense of loss when they leave us. He becomes very attached to them. We talk about how this is for baby's best interest when they have to leave us. When this does occur though; it does reignite RCW 13.50.100 own fears of leaving. He will come to us and explain that he does not want to leave. Through his behaviors we understand that he is processing the loss.

He loves our extended family: Grandma, Grandpa, Aunts, Uncles, and cousins. He is spoiled and loved by all of them. He loves his Auntie (calls her [REDACTED]) and his Grandpa ([REDACTED]). He came up with the names, but we all absolutely adore them! He also loves his cousins, one he calls "Baby Girl" and the other one "cousin". He ensures that we call [REDACTED] at least every other day and demands that we see him often. He actually grabs Mama's phone and calls [REDACTED] at least every other day. He loves seeing them and playing with them. It is abundantly clear that he loves them so much! He is pictured with [REDACTED] and "Cousin."



3. Child's school progress and adjustment:

[REDACTED] came to us with very limited language, not potty-trained, with food hoarding, shy, cautious, terrified, and scared. Initially he was scared of everything; the only thing that gave him comfort was his brother. He was especially scared of men. He had constant tantrums. Angry outbursts, was destructive, hurt himself, hurt his brother, and we needed to help him so that he would not hurt himself. He had constant nightmares. One night, I counted 7 nightmares in one night. He had deep circles under his eyes and would be scared to go to bed. He is scared of monsters and bad guys. He is terrified of being abandoned. He has triggers that we are still beginning to learn and understand.

He is now doing very well. We got him placed in [REDACTED], a therapeutic learning center. He is doing well there. We initially had him at [REDACTED]. It was rough. He has severe separation anxiety. Every time we left the room, he would freak out as he thought we were abandoning him. [REDACTED] had a very tough time with him as he would scream almost the entire time that he was there. It was really hard on him and us. He is doing better at transitions, but he does struggle with change.

Structure helps him. We explain what is going to happen and prepare [RCW 13.50.100] for all the upcoming events. We engage in therapeutic behavior modification. [RCW 13.50.100] trusts us and knows that we will come back for him. We still have to reassure him that we will return constantly, but it is much better than it was initially. He no longer food hoards to the extent he did initially. We still worry about overeating as he will eat until he cannot eat anymore.

He is now potty trained, although when his brother was moved without notice to us, he regressed substantially. We are now back to full potty training, and he is almost completely potty trained at night as well. When he does have a triggering traumatic event, he does regress. But we are working through all of those.

He talks a lot now; his vocabulary is blossoming. He loves books. Some kids may sleep with stuffed animals, [RCW 13.50.100] sleeps with books. He is talking a lot more. He needs assistance with pronouncing words sometimes. You can actually hold a conversation and talk to [RCW 13.50.100] now. He can express himself and express his needs. He is sweet; he is cute; he is funny! He is adorable! We love him!

The tantrums are lessening as the triggers are learned and avoided. When visitation was ongoing, the tantrums, nightmares, and triggers were constant. Now that no visitation is occurring at all, the behaviors are less. He knows he is safe and trusts us to keep him safe and protected. We talk about how he is safe on a daily basis. He is triggered by going over the grandparents house where the babies live. On 2 occasions [RCW 13.50.100] was present for those visits. On the first visit, he told [RCW 13.50.100] that he was going to get him back and have him live with him. We were surprised to hear this. [RCW 13.50.100] was upset to hear this. He regressed substantially and had numerous nightmares that night. He advised us multiple times, tearfully, that he did not want to leave us. He wants to live here.

The SW was advised; she told [RCW 13.50.100] and the grandparents that [RCW 13.50.100] was not to be present. Despite this, on [RCW 13.50.100] next visit, [RCW 13.50.100] was present. He told [RCW 13.50.100] he wanted him to meet his new mommy ([RCW 13.50.100] new girlfriend). [RCW 13.50.100] came home from that visit and clung to Mama crying, sobbing that he did not want to leave. After these 2 very traumatic visits and in discussion with [RCW 13.50.100] therapist, she advised that the behaviors and triggers were caused by being over in the grandparents home. [RCW 13.50.100] lived there himself for 1.5 years and has stories, some positive, many negative, about his time living there.

4. Child's physical health (state results of medical and dental appointments):

RCW 70.02.020

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Physically, RCW 13.50.100 is doing great. He is growing and getting bigger. He came to us in 3T clothes. He is now about ready to size up into 5 clothes. He has grown about a foot, and is doing wonderfully physically.

He came to us with a pretty nasty cough that has resurfaced a little bit every time he gets a cold.

He has attended his pediatrician regularly, and she is very happy with his growth development since being placed into our home.

5. Child's emotional health and well-being (counselor or therapist appointment schedule):

RCW 13.50.100 had outbursts, tantrums, nightmares, and a multitude of other challenges. We needed help. We got a referral from the pediatrician for a counselor.

RCW 13.50.100 sees the following counselors/therapists every week:

RCW 70.02.020

RCW 13.50.100 has disclosed

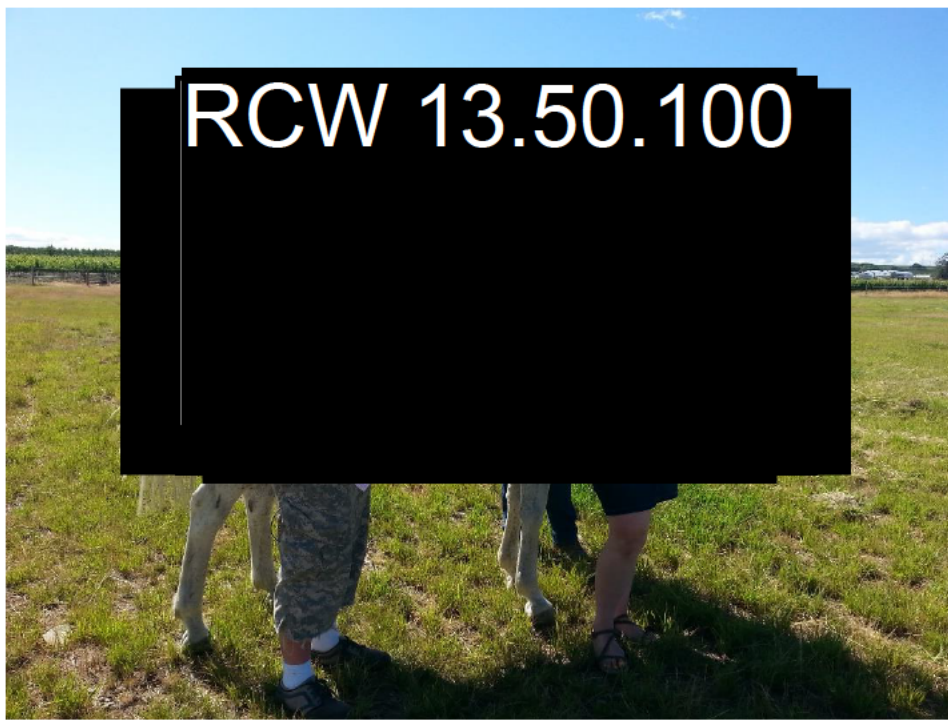
RCW 13.50.100 recently finished his Occupational Therapy and Speech Therapy courses. He is now on another waiting list for these to start up again. These are 1x per week visits.

We completed the Child Find Eval through the RCW 13.50.1 School. He was RCW 13.50.100

RCW 13.50.100. He qualified RCW 13.50.100. He will be starting kindergarten. He will be a very young kindergartener, but we decided if he needs to be held back, we can make that determination later. He is so smart and catching up so quickly! We think with our help he will be caught up to his peers in no time at all. He will be attending the RCW 13.50.100 which is a more therapeutic environment for children RCW 13.50.100.

6. Child's adjustment to caregiver family and caregiver family expectations:

He is excelling. He knows the house rules and helps us enforce the rules and reminds us when we forget the rules. He loves the structure. He understands the process. He enjoys the family events that we do together. He is thriving. He is trusting. He is loving.



He loves it here. He wants to stay. He encourages us to follow the “Home Rules” if we forget. He will point out negative behaviors that he sees others doing and make observations that those behaviors are not appropriate. He understands our expectations. He actually without prompting apologizes when he does something that is not appropriate. He is self-sufficient, but enjoys having help and individualized one-on-one attention.

He loves horses “woosies” as he calls them. He loves riding them and is so comfortable around him. He is lucky that we have family willing to indulge him (as it will otherwise get very expensive). Immediately after this photo he placed the hat on the horse’s head (after removing it from mine!)

7. Child’s visits with parent(s) and sibling(s):

RCW 13.50.100 loves his siblings. He misses them immensely. They bring him a measure of comfort and peace that as much as we love him and would move heaven and earth for him, we cannot do for him. He talks daily of brother and sister. He prays for them multiple times a day. If we forget to pray for them, he will prompt us to remind us to pray for “brother and sissy.”

RCW 13.50.100 has not seen his mother since he entered care. He mentions on a daily basis that “mommy hurt me; mommy slapped me [he will demonstrate how]; mommy hurt ___[insert body part].” He does the same thing with Daddy. Daddy is RCW 13.50.100 his step-father figure. “Daddy hurt my leg.” “Daddy and mommy hurt my foot, etc...” He also mentions that mommy “broke his birthday.” He has disclosed very serious physical abuse

RCW 13.50.100 He is scared of monsters and bad guys. He has qualified RCW 13.50.10 and Mommy as “bad guys.”

He has also disclosed RCW 13.50.100 from Mommy’s brother RCW 13.50.100 RCW 13 50.100” as RCW 13.50.100 calls him.

When RCW 13.50.100 sees RCW 13.50.100 RCW 13.50.100 parents, he has had consist nightmares, night terrors, and more tantrums and behaviors. It has gotten to the point that his counselor believes it is no longer in RCW 13.50.100 best interest to have visitation at the grandparent’s house.

8. Your view on the needs of the child:

He needs a CASA/GAL.

He needs more time with his siblings.

But the time with his siblings needs to be elsewhere. He needs a trigger free environment without [RCW 13.50.100] or grandparents present to allow him to focus on his siblings.

He needs to continue the therapies and treatments that we are currently engaged in.

He needs time to heal and grow.

He needs constant companionship. He hates being alone. He needs adults to be engaged with him and with his play.

Nightmares, potty-training issues, tantrums, behavioral issues tend to be connected with triggers/memories of his trauma. We have noticed that when [RCW 13.50.100] was visiting with the boys, [RCW 13.50.100] would be triggered a lot more often. Even if I had forgotten that a specific day was a visitation day, I could tell by how [RCW 13.50.100] was acting when I got home from work. He was more angry, withdrawn, easily upset, his mood was off. He was not my happy, sweet little boy. The same thing occurs when he sees [RCW 13.50.100] grandparents. This is still very much on-going to the point that [RCW 13.50.100] therapist believes it is no longer in [RCW 13.50.100] best interest to be over at the grandparents home.

(Grandparents have only allowed visitation maybe once, occasionally twice a month, but only at their home on Sundays at 2pm. This is super inconvenient, but they refuse to allow visitation any other day or at any other time. They will not allow us to take the children anywhere, and refuse to accommodate any other schedule. However, they also have repeatedly had [RCW 13.50.100] over at the home despite being told he was not to be present.)

9. Your thoughts on how these needs can be addressed:

Time, therapy, and love.

We are constantly reading articles and books on the traumatized child. It is amazing to implement what we've read and learned. These articles also give us a level of understanding as to why [RCW 13.50.100] behaves in a certain way.

He is always on high alert. His fight, flight, or freeze is a constant in his life. He asks so many repetitive questions because when he is in that state he cannot comprehend the minutia. He has incessant chatter at home. He constantly needs to be reassured that we will return for him. "Mama you get me? Papa get me? I come home on Turtle car?" (The turtle car transports him to/from [RCW 13.50.100])

He can be very quiet around new faces. He is scared and nervous. When [RCW 13.50.100] says things like you are going to live with me; it is very alarming to [RCW 13.50.100] He craves stability and permanency.

He needs finality and permanency.

10. Your thoughts on Department's case plan:

I do not know what the Department's case plan is; but we want what is in the best interest of the child. (Selfishly, we'd love to keep him and adopt him.) He is a joy. He is wonderful. He is a brilliant, smart, wonderful little boy.

He makes me artwork to take to work and put up for others to see. He is precious. He is precocious. He is silly. He is funny. He has a wicked sense of humor. He teases his Mama about having girlfriends! He says he has lots of girlfriends just to get a rise out of me.

11. Other child/case specific information you wish the court to consider:

We are always willing to take [RCW 13.50.100] and [RCW 13.50.100] to our home to facilitate visitation, or for longer visits. Whatever is in their best interest is what we want. We love [RCW 13.50.100] and his siblings. They are very sweet children.

[RCW 13.50.100] needs finality. He needs to be able to know that he has a forever family and a forever home. The current situation is unstable and does not promote mental health wellbeing. We want to be that forever family for [RCW 13.50.100]

Caregiver's Signature [RCW 42.56 250(4)]
Caregiver's Printed Name [RCW 42.56.250(4)]

Signature Date: **8/24/16**

From: RCW 13.50.100 <RCW 13.50.100@gmail.com>

To: [Orwall, Tina](#)

Date: 2/3/2017 7:54:57 PM

Subject: Constituent Issue-Children's Administration/Foster Parents and Retaliation at the Expense of a Little Boy

Attachments: Court Report (1).pdf
Court Report 2.pdf

Hello,

Let me introduce to the wonderful family and child you are going to hear about:



The adorable little 5 year old boy pictured above is drifting without assistance. He has been in care for about a year and a half now. His needs are not being addressed by his SWs. In fact his case procedural history is absolutely outrageous. He needs someone outside of DSHS-CA to stand up for his rights and his needs. We thought you would be the right person for the job, as it is abundantly clear from your website that you care about your constituents and you care about foster children's rights!

Child's name: RCW 13.50.100

Social Worker: Erin Yanus

Social Worker Supervisor: Desiree Rollins

Office Administrator: Cleveland King (Kent Office)

A little history on RCW 13.50.100 case:

He was placed in our home in October 2015 with his little brother RCW 13.50.100. His little sister RCW 13.50.100 was placed with another foster family. We coordinated visitation and became good friends with this other foster family. RCW 13.50.100 was able to see all his siblings regularly.

RCW 13.50.100 came to our home filthy, only about 10-20 words, not potty trained, very developmentally delayed, and with rotten teeth. He was four years old. As he developed language over time, he was able to tell us just some of the heinous things he had been subjected to and witnessed over time. We called these in to End Harm. They advised us to please calling these things in as they had so many open complaints about him that they really did not need anymore. He had a very tough life.

Once he came to us though, we provided him with the most stable, loving home that he had ever been in. We loved him through his trauma and got him hooked into needed services. He was our first placement. We assumed the SW would

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assist us getting him services. It became apparent that she was going to do nothing, except accuse us of stealing other people's children and mention that we are not the same race as [RCW 13.50.100] so thus we would not understand his needs. We went to the pediatrician. We got referrals to Occupational Therapy, Speech Therapy, and Counseling. We also flexed our lifestyle to stay at home with him until we could get him into therapeutic day cares. We knew we could not just put him in a mediocre daycare. He has such significant attachment and abandonment issues. We were able to get him into [RCW 13.50.100] and [RCW 13.50.100] He did very well there. We were able to get him involved in all his therapies.

Fast forwarding, [RCW 13.50.100] was being forced to go to visitation with [RCW 13.50.100] to see [RCW 13.50.100] father (not [RCW 13.50.100] father). This person, according to [RCW 13.50.100] subjected him to significant trauma. There was no need for [RCW 13.50.100] to be at these visitations. He was diagnosed with [RCW 70.02.02] and post-visitation, he had severe triggers, significant nightmares and behaviors. I could set a watch by the behaviors exhibited post-visit. We voiced our concerns about this. Instead of listening to us and [RCW 13.50.100] counselor, the SW said that we are not supporting the department. So, she would just move the child. Anytime we voiced concerns, she threatened us.

This SW was later fired/left the department. Desiree Rollins became in charge of the case. One day when the children were returned from a visit, the visitation supervisor advised us that they were moving the baby tomorrow. We were appalled. [RCW 13.50.100] was parentified when he came into care. He showed us how to prop a bottle to feed [RCW 13.50.100] because he thought that would be helpful. He knew how to care for [RCW 13.50.100] He would fall into those patterns when we got all the kids together. However, being able to be a child with his little brother was very therapeutic for him. We knew a move would be very traumatic for him.

We knew that department policy required FTDMs and transition plans. We knew none of those things had occurred here. Rollins was not responsive; she did not respond to emails, phone calls, etc. She was not receptive to emails regarding [RCW 13.50.100] needs. Finally, after emails to her, we get an email saying that she should have told us. Baby is moving tomorrow. We were naturally upset. I got on the phone and email and went up the line, ultimately getting Rollins in trouble. She allowed us to keep the baby until Monday. She held a perfunctory FTDM on Monday, but ordered us to bring all baby's things to the FTDM. The other foster parents were not as active in getting Rollins in trouble. They moved [RCW 13.50.100] on that day (Friday). We thought the discrepancy in treatment was odd.

At the FTDM Rollins would not acknowledge our presence. Dismissed our concerns, and we cold, rude, icy. She clearly did not appreciate that we had advocated for our children's needs. They did not even transition the kids. There was no need for an emergent move. [RCW 13.50.100] regressed substantially post-move. [RCW 13.50.100] at that point was potty trained, working on night time potty training, and had language abilities. He had significant nightmares, needed diapers again, and things were very rough for him. It was apparent Rollins did not consider [RCW 13.50.100] needs at all.

We did coordinate visits with the paternal grandparents. But at one point they cut us off from visits because they claimed, that we spoiled [RCW 13.50.100] That [RCW 13.50.100] missed us too much post-visits and was very upset. Thus, they did not want any of us over there. They refused to allow us to take the kiddos anywhere else or have visitation anywhere else. They also would not allow us to hold [RCW 13.50.100] too much or bounce him, because that was spoiling him. This impacted [RCW 13.50.100] When they allowed us to restart visits, they would have the father present at visits which impacted [RCW 13.50.100] The SW (Erin Yanus) did step in to prevent this. But the paternal grandparents did not listen. The counselor at this point advised it may not be in [RCW 13.50.100] best interest to see any of them due to his trauma. But then the children were returned home to father.

We attended every court hearing. [RCW 13.50.100] was always treated as an afterthought because birth mom was not showing up. She has not seen [RCW 13.50.100] since he entered care. The other children were ultimately returned home to father. [RCW 13.50.100] case has just tracked along with the other children's.

Then September 26, 2016, we kept [RCW 13.50.100] home from school for the first time ever. He had been a little sick that weekend. We had taken him to the [RCW 13.50.100] Fair and for a walk on that Sunday to pick apples. Then Monday came, and he was sick. He developed a huge rash on his face. We were naturally concerned. We rushed him to the doctor. The doctor just advised that kids sometimes get rashes at the end of sickness. She gave him medications in the office and sent us home with prescriptions. It was past [RCW 13.50.100] bedtime at that time. He was overtired and had not eaten dinner. We got him a Wendy's kids meal and ran to the pharmacy to fill his prescriptions. The female pharmacy talked to him. She asked him if he was sure he would not swallow the drinkable kids stuff. (He really won't! We have tried everything! We have tried putting it in things... he always detects it!) He promised her that he absolutely will not take the oral stuff. She educated me on how to cut the tablets in half for him.

We got him home. Quick bath, and creams on his rash all over his face, head, ear. Bedtime ritual (scripture, prayers,

bedtime story books, cuddles, Mama/Papa holds his hand till he falls asleep, sometimes songs.) and bed. It was late.

The next morning, I went off to work. [RCW 13.01] always made me promise to kiss him goodbye. Sometimes he would even get up and give me hug and kisses before I left. Then he would lock the door and skedaddle back to bed. He was too tired for that this morning- Sept 27th, 2016. I gave him kisses and left. He was so tired. The rash was still prominently on his face/head/ear. We did not think about sending a note or calling the school. Still new to this parenting thing. I wish I had taken photos and sent them with the email to the SW regarding this event. But, I can not go back in time.

An allegation was made by the school... not by the doctor who is a mandatory reporter, not the pharmacist who has obligations to call in child abuse, not by anyone until some random person at school saw his face and assumed the worst. [RCW 13.01] was picked up that day.

Ultimately the allegation was determined unfounded. We were investigated thoroughly nothing came of it. Our license was fully reinstated.

Since that time, we have been offered a five year old boy for an adoptive home, a 14 day old baby, and been called multiple times by placement to take other children. It is apparent that we are a viable home.

However, since leaving our home, [RCW 13.01] has been moved upwards of 4 times. He has been on the placement list numerous times. We have asked and begged for [RCW 13.01] to be returned to us. However, Desiree Rollins is being vindictive, punitive, and retaliatory. She was the supervisor of the SW that threatened to move [RCW 13.01] initially if we made too many waves and made her job difficult. We actually got her in trouble. And she is now taking this opportunity to exact revenge, but at the expense of a child. A sweet loving little boy! The SW/Supervisor told us that while the investigation was still pending that if it did not matter the outcome, they will not be placing him back with us. I asked the DLR investigator if she had EVER heard of a situation like this. She advised that she had not heard of another time that a SW did this. The referrer in the police report lied: she said I did not tell her about the incident. I have a documented email. Then she resorted to name-calling, describing me as an "over-sharerer." I am protecting our child.

We have documented evidence that CA has not followed protocol or procedure. It is procedure to place a child back into a known foster home. We still have our license. If CA thought we were not safe for children, we would not have gotten our license back. We have been offered other children, even a 5 year old boy! They never provided an ISSP ever at any time. Baby and [RCW 13.01] came back into care. We were known, beloved, family-figures to them. They did not call us for placement. They cannot even argue that it was because of the allegation (which has been the party line when broached, even though it was determined unfounded) because there were no allegations at all with those two.

[RCW 13.01] is drifting and is being lost in the cracks. We asked for CASA/GAL to be assigned almost from day one. CA has never appointed him a CASA. He needs someone who will actually advocate for his needs and his rights. It is apparent that CA will not do so. This is absolutely outrageous that his child suffers while the SW/Supervisors act in a selfish, retaliatory, vindictive manner. We were [RCW 13.01] voice that got his needs addressed.

We love him more than is even adequately able to be described. We have been fighting to get him back. Despite our open beds and open license, placement was advised by the SW/SW supervisor that she was not allowed to place [RCW 13.01] with us. Due to the personal vendetta the department has against us, they refuse to act in [RCW 13.01] best interest.

Please assign investigate the department; call them to ask for their acts. They will not respond to us!

We have tried to address this up the chain of command. We started with the SW/Supervisor who have never responded. We addressed this with Cleveland King. He protected his people who are acting in retaliatory manner. We have attempted to address this with Bolesha Johnson and Yen Lawlor, Deputy Regional Administrators, but they will not respond to phone calls, emails, letters, etc. We were told we have to go through them before going up to Natalie Green. However the department is being very obstructionist about being responsive.

We have consulted with an attorney and are considering filing a MEPA/IEPA race claim against the department for their retaliatory actions based on race. We are also considering filing a Public Records Act Claim as they will not comply with the PRA. We are also considering an outright lawsuit. However, they are very well-represented, and it is hard to intervene as a foster parent into a dependency case. We have no rights as foster parents. This is despicable.

We have many letters from [RCW 13.01] counselor, family, etc., that are supportive of reunifying this family.

Please review the 2 court reports below to see a little into our family, ^{RCW 13.50.01} growth and development, and how ^{RCW 13.1} being with us is in his best interest. Please take action and open an investigation into CA's lack of compliance with their own policies and protocols.

Kind regards,

RCW 42.56.250(4)

"If you can change the life of one person, you have the potential to change the world."

"Fiat Justitia, Ruat Coelum" Loosely translated: "Let Justice be done, though the heavens may fall."

Caregiver's Report to the Court

Child's Name: **RCW 13.50.100**

Legal Case Number:

Hearing Date: **04/14/2016**

County with Legal Jurisdiction: **King**

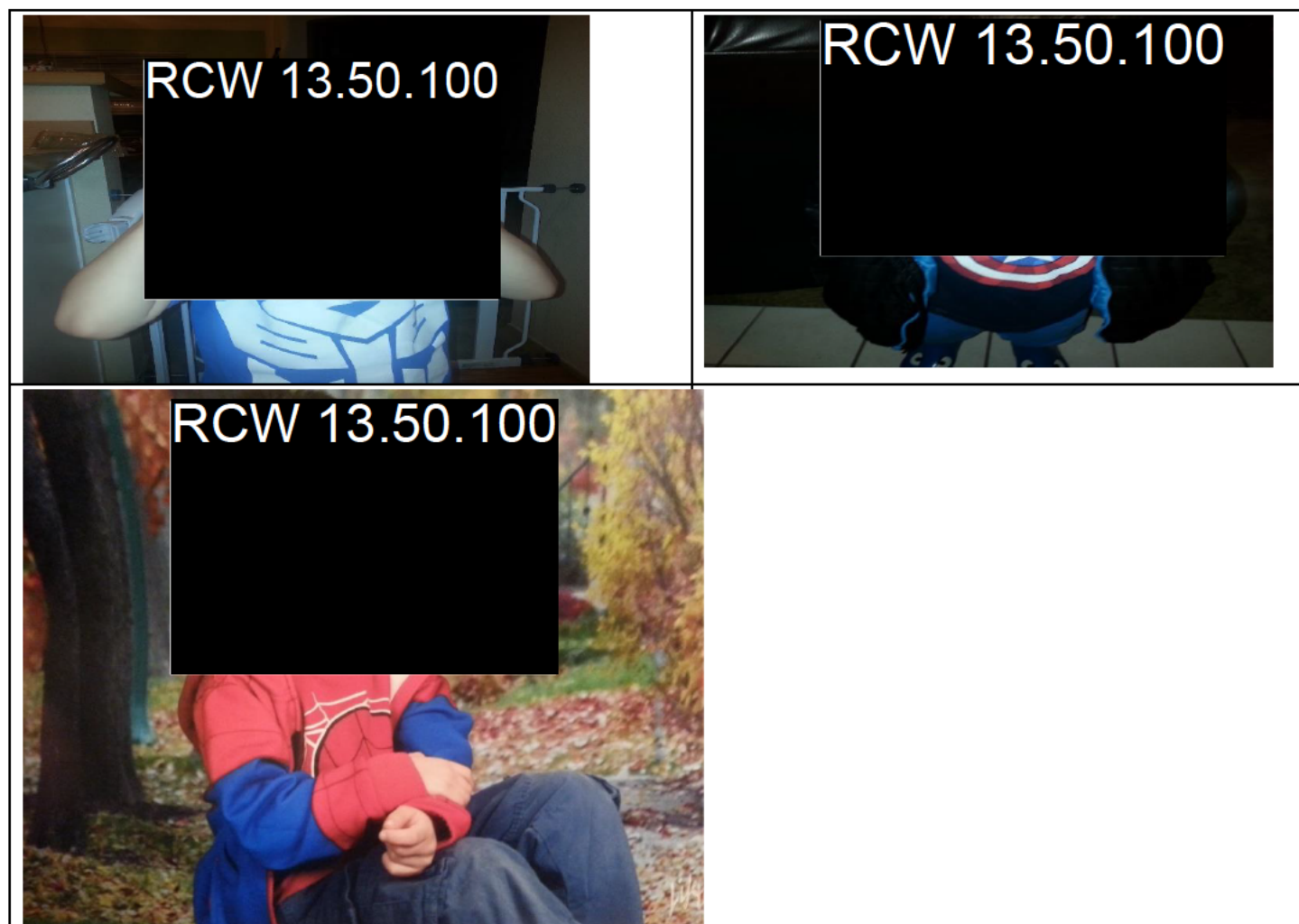
Caregiver Name/Person providing information: **Foster Mom; Foster Dad will be present for the hearing on 4/14/16**

Child's Assigned Social Worker: **Desiree Rollins**

Please return Caregiver Report Form (via email, US Postal Service or in person) to the child's assigned social worker and/or guardian ad litem.

TOPICS:

1. Child's strengths, hobbies, gifts, talents, participation in extra-curricular activities/events:



RCW 13.50.100 sings now! That may not mean anything to someone who has not been with him constantly, but the amazing journey of this sweet little boy is culminated by singing. When **RCW 13.50.100** came to us, he was quiet, afraid, fearful, anxious, on high alert and constantly being triggered (fight, flight or freeze) by his surroundings, singing was not part of his life. **RCW 13.50.100** was silent. He was watchful, he was wary. His silence was interrupted by

screaming tantrums and nonsensical words. language alluded him. Sleep and nighttime had its own set of concerns as sleep was punctuated and staccatoed by the screams of his nightly nightmares. But, RCW 13.50.100 sings now!

“Mama, those are my ears! Mama take a picture of me and my ears,” that is what RCW 13.50.100 told me which prompted me to take that photo of his cucumber “ears;” well that, and he is so adorable! RCW 13.50.100 is an adorable, fun, silly little guy. He loves to help with chores. He especially loves to help put away dishes and cook. He has 2 aprons; 1 for cooking with Mama and the other for bbqing and grilling with Papa. He loves his aprons. He especially loves baking cookies and being involved in the kitchen. He has a sweet tooth; if there is anything sweet in the house, he will find it!

The transition from fearful boy to fun loving little guy took time. The sweet, caring little boy was there, but we had to ensure that he knew he was safe and protected before he began to let us see his sweet loving side. We rightfully had to earn his trust.

et us tell you a little bit about our lovely boy. He is an adventurous eater. ven my hot pho is fair game for this little guy. He likes all types of food, especially veggies. He initially came to us hoarding food. He would wake in the middle of the night and take/eat food. He would eat until his tummy hurt (he still does; we are working with him on this.) arly on with us, we made Cr me Brule. We placed it in the fridge to cool with plans to eat it later. My husband was out, and I was in the back bedroom. I heard a shuffling noise and the pitter patter of little feet back to RCW 13.50.100 bedroom; I looked around and did not think much of it at the time. A bit later, I pulled out the Cr me Brule; there was a little handful of it gone with fingerprints. Being a new mom, I assumed it was my husband; he quickly advised that it was not him, and at that point we both clearly reali ed what had occurred. We started laughing uncontrollably. We still giggle about the “Crème Brule” incident!

Normally parents are not excited about a picky eater, but we rejoiced when he started getting picky about food because it told us that he is no longer worried about having enough nor is he worried about where the next meal is coming from. RCW 13.50.100 disclosed that “Mommy was mean” and would not share the food that they had to eat but would eat in front of him.

Our little guy is a fashionista! He loves clothes and dressing himself. He has an impeccable sense of style. He may occasionally change his clothes multiple times a day, much to our chagrin. He also loves to help Mama pick out her clothes, jewelry, and shoes for the day. He loves to style her and help her shop as well. He will always tell you what he thinks of an outfit.

He has a big heart and is very empathetic towards others (this was not always the case though. This has been a learned behavior over time.) He is very protective of “his people.” He loves “big” without abandon. RCW 13.50.100 came to us with very limited language, but one phrase he mastered quickly was “I love you big.”

He is very athletic. We go to the park almost every day to let him run, climb, and play. He quickly masters physical activities and climbs as high as he can go. He scares us at times with his physical abilities to climb higher and higher on the playground equipment, but he is quick and has sure footing, and we are always close by to ensure he is safe. He loves the outdoors. He would prefer to be outdoors over almost anywhere! He is a fast runner. He will definitely be a force to be reckoned with as he gets older.

We have him registered for gymnastics starting end of April, which RCW 13.50.100 is very excited about. He is also going to start swimming lessons. We have begun to teach him, ourselves, how to swim, and he has taken to it like a fish.

RCW 13.50.100 is very bright. He figures things out and is especially good at manipulating and tinkering with objects. He has a very curious mind and is always thinking about things and processing things. He figured out our very complicated baby gate, that some adults cannot figure out, in less than a day. He is very mechanical. He likes to build things and process things. But above all else; RCW 13.50.100 sings now!

2. Child's social interaction with caregiver family, peers and siblings:



Our family consists of Mama, Papa, RCW 13.50.100 and baby (RCW 13.50.100) until baby was placed with his paternal grandparents. RCW 13.50.100 immediately bonded with Mama. He was much more afraid and wary of any men. He does not do well with men in general, but he absolutely loves his Papa now. It took time to develop that trust.

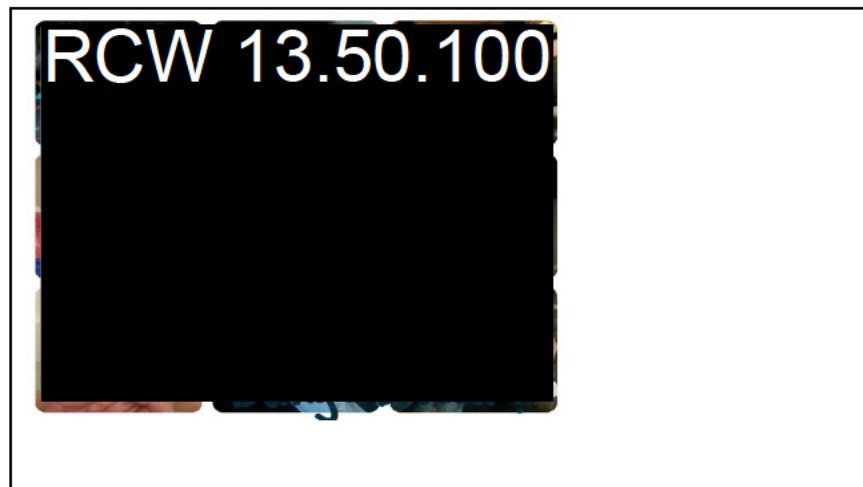
We had to teach RCW 13.50.100 that we would not hurt him and that he was safe. Even so he expects physical punishment; at times, he will direct us to spank him, and when we refuse (as we always do), he will RCW 13.50.100. We have been working with his counselor to assist us in handling these behaviors.

His bedtime ritual culminates with reading books with Papa. He loves reading books with Papa and playing (tickle fights, chasing/running from Papa monster, pretending to be a bear and chasing Papa, etc.) with Papa. One of the worst punishments for RCW 13.50.100 is taking away his privilege to have Papa read books to him.

RCW 13.50.100 is parentified and takes on the caregiver role with younger children. He appeared to have been the primary caregiver to his sister; he is invested in her life and her well-being. He asks about her and brother multiple times daily. When he is with her, he acts as her caregiver and attempts to modify her behaviors. He is so sweet and loving to her. He tends to take a caretaking role with children younger than him. He does not seem to know how to interact with children his own age.

He seems to be a lot more quiet around people he does not know, but he can warm up quickly. He prefers to play with adults over children his own age. He loves our extended family: randma, randpa, Aunts, Uncles, and cousins. He is spoiled and loved by all of them.

3. Child's school progress and adjustment:



RCW 13.50.100 came to us: quiet, scared, manipulative, limited-in-language, not potty-trained, hoarding food, shy, cautious, and terrified of being abandoned. Initially he was scared of everything; the only thing that gave him comfort was his brother. He was especially scared of men.

He had constant tantrums, and he was being triggered by every day events. RCW 13.50.100

He did not know how to interact with other children his own age. It takes him time, even now, to understand how to play with children his own age.

Abandonment is huge challenge for our little guy. He fears not being retrieved and being permanently abandoned. One time, we were visiting some friends, and I realized I needed to retrieve something out of the car. I left him momentarily to retrieve it. When I retrieved he was screaming uncontrollably with huge tears running down his cheeks. "Mama left me! Mama left me!" It broke my heart. This, unfortunately was not an isolated incident. To combat this, we plan with our little guy. We start the day before and explain what will occur and when. We have a firm structure and plan for every day. Every day, multiple times a day, we reassure him that we will pick him up and be there for him.

Bedtime was a significant challenge as bedtime was/is a triggering event for him. He would scream for hours. We had to rock him to sleep. Even when sleep came, which initially, it did not come easy. He had constant nightmares. One night, I counted 7 nightmares in one night. He had deep circles under his eyes and would be scared to go to bed. He is scared of monsters and bad guys. We created a monster spray that he keeps in his room to vanquish the monsters. We developed a set schedule of bedtime; his favorite part is "books." Every evening he gets to choose a couple of books that Papa will read to him. Slowly over time, we transitioned to just simply holding his hand as he drifted off to sleep. And, just very recently, we transitioned him into, tucking him in, good nights hugs and kisses, and just a bit of time cuddling. Then Mama promises to check on him in 5 minutes; then we leave the room and check on him every 5 minutes till he falls asleep. This occasionally works, but it still is a transition that we are hoping will stick. He still wakes up almost daily due to nightmares.

He is accustomed to level of chaos that is abnormal in our home. He attempts to try to recreate that chaos by trying to pit us against each other. He is very good at manipulating us, but he finding less and less need to use those survival tactics. He understands that lying will not be tolerated. He understands 1-2-3 Magic (our parenting technique that his counselor advised us to us as a parenting tool) and understands actions have consequences.

He is a different child from the one that was originally placed with us, who was on constant high alert. He is doing very well. He attends RCW 13.50.100, a therapeutic learning center. He is doing well there. We initially had him at RCW 13.50.100. It was rough. He had/has severe separation anxiety. Every time we left the room, he would cry, scream, tantrum as he thought we were abandoning him. RCW 13.50.100 had a very tough time with him as he would scream almost the entire time that he was there. It was really hard on him and us. He is doing better at transitions, but he does struggle with change.

Structure helps him. We explain what is going to happen and prepare RCW 13.50.100 for all the upcoming events. We engage in therapeutic behavior modification (e.g., 1-2-3 magic, time outs and time ins) as directed by his counselor. RCW 13.50.100 trusts us and knows that we will come back for him. We still have to reassure him that we will return constantly, but it is much better than it was initially. He no longer food hoards to the extent he did initially. We still worry about overeating as he will eat until he cannot eat anymore.

He is now potty trained, although when his brother was moved without notice to us, he regressed substantially. We are now almost back to being fully potty training.

He talks a lot more now; his vocabulary is blossoming. He loves books and reading. Some kids may sleep with stuffed animals, RCW 13.50.100 sleeps with books. He talks a bit more. We practice with him. We work on counting, letters, colors. We have him repeat our sentence structure. We have him watch educational programs like "Daniel Tiger."

The tantrums are lessening as the triggers are learned and avoided. When visitation was ongoing, the tantrums, nightmares, and triggers were constant. Now that no visitation is occurring at all, the behaviors are less. He knows he is safe and trusts us to keep him safe and protected. We talk about how he is safe on a daily basis.

4. Child's physical health (state results of medical and dental appointments):

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Physically, RCW 13.50.100 is doing great. He is growing and getting bigger. He has grown quite a bit and is about to size up into the next size. His feet have grown through 3 different shoe sizes. He often will complain that his “feet hurt.” We discussed this with his pediatrician; she believes that it is the growing pains.

He came to us with a pretty nasty cough that has resurfaced a little bit every time he gets a cold.

He attends his pediatrician regularly, and she is very happy with his growth development since being placed into our home.

5. Child’s emotional health and well-being (counselor or therapist appointment schedule):

When RCW 13.50.100 came to us, he had outbursts, tantrums, nightmares, and a multitude of other challenges. We needed help. We got a referral from his pediatrician for a counselors and therapists.

RCW 13.50.100 sees the following counselors/therapists every week:

RCW 70.02.020

We completed the Child Find val through the RCW 13.50.1 School. He was RCW 13.50.100

6. Child’s adjustment to caregiver family and caregiver family expectations:

He is excelling. He knows the house rules and helps us enforce the rules and reminds us when we forget the rules. He knows we do not wear shoes in the house. He knows to clear his plate after mealtime. He knows to put his toys away after he has finished playing. When we have friends over, he directs our friends to follow the rules. He loves the structure. He understands the process.

He enjoys the family events that we do together. He is thriving. He is trusting. He is loving. RCW 13.50.100 sings now. He loves music. He loves family dance parties. He loves cuddles and snuggles. He loves without abandon. He is no longer on high alert, and enjoys being a carefree boy.

He is very excited for it to get warm enough to start camping and hiking. Every time he sees our tent he exclaims, “Mama, what’s that?” To which we respond, “ You know what that is!” RCW 13.50.100 then giggles, “Tent.”

7. Child's visits with parent(s) and sibling(s):

RCW 13.50.100 loves his siblings. He misses them immensely. They bring him a measure of comfort and peace that as much as we love him and would move heaven and earth for him, we cannot give him that peace. He talks daily of brother and sister. He prays for them multiple times a day. If we forget to pray for them, he will prompt us to remind us to pray for "brother and sissy."

RCW 13.50.100 has not seen his mother since he entered care. RCW 13.50.100

RCW 13.50.100 He also mentions that mommy "broke his birthday." (He is very excited about his birthday coming up in July. He would like (depending on the day) an lmo cake, a monster cake, or a chocolate cake with two cars on it.) RCW 13.50.100

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He also talks about RCW 13.50.100 we believe this is his mother's brother "RCW 13.50.100" who hurt him.

When RCW 13.50.100 was told that he was going to visit Mommy, he became both very excited and very agitated, angry and upset. RCW 13.50.100

RCW 13.50.100 However, as visitation has never occurred (as mother no-showed), these behaviors have lessened and disappeared.

RCW 13.50.100 was having sibling visits with "Sissy" at the same time that RCW 13.50.100 was having visits with "Baby" and "Sissy." RCW 13.50.100 behaviors were drastically different after visitation. RCW 13.50.100

RCW 13.50.100 even if we had not been told that RCW 13.50.100 had had visitation with "Daddy," from his behaviors, it was always apparent. Slowly after a visit was conducted, the behaviors would lessen, but then as soon as the next visit occurred, all the same behaviors would be exhibited.

8. Your view on the needs of the child:

He needs a CASA/ A .

He needs more time with his siblings. We would like him to be allowed to see his siblings at least once a week. We have been accommodating that schedule and have been making the drive, but the grandparents feel that once a week is too often. They are not allowing RCW 13.50.100 to see his siblings every week. Due to the grandparents reluctance to allow visits, RCW 13.50.100 has not seen his siblings in two weeks.

He needs to continue the therapies and treatments that we are currently engaged in.

He needs time to heal and grow.

He needs constant companionship. He hates being alone. He needs adults to be engaged with him and with his play.

Nightmares, potty-training issues, tantrums, behavioral issues tend to be connected with triggers/memories of his trauma. We have noticed that when RCW 13.50.100 was visiting with the boys, RCW 13.50.100 would be triggered a lot more often.

RCW 13.50.100 even if I had forgotten that a specific day was a visitation day, I could tell by how RCW 13.50.100 was acting when I got home from work. RCW 13.50.100. He was not my happy, sweet little boy. The same thing occurs to a lesser extent when he sees RCW 13.50.100 grandparents (who have his siblings).

9. Your thoughts on how these needs can be addressed:

Time, therapy, and love.

We are constantly reading articles and books on the “traumatized child.” It is amazing to implement what we’ve read and learned. These articles also give us a level of understanding as to why RCW 13.50.100 behaves in a certain way.

He is always on high alert. His fight, flight, or freeze is a constant in his life. He asks so many repetitive questions because when he is in that state he cannot comprehend the minutia. He has incessant chatter at home. He constantly needs to be reassured that we will return for him. “Mama you get me? Papa get me? I come home on Turtle car?” (The turtle car transports him to/from RCW 13.50.100.)

He can be very quiet around new faces. He is scared and nervous. One day my sister came over. This was when baby was still in the NICU, and we were going to visit. We put his car seat in her car because it was roomier. RCW 13.50.100 got so scared. “Mama I don’t wanna go. No! Don’t make me go!!” He thought we were sending him away. That fear of abandonment is a very real, constant fear that we need to manage and address. We do this through structure. Structure and schedules are very important to maintaining his stability and emotional well-being.

He needs finality and permanency.

10. Your thoughts on Department’s case plan:

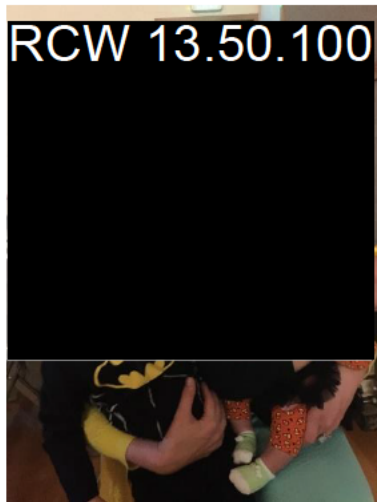
I do not know what the Department’s case plan is, but at this point in the plan, I assume the plan is reunification as that is always the initial goal.

We want what is in the best interest of the child.

(Selfishly, we’d love to keep him and adopt him.) He is a joy. He is wonderful. He is a brilliant, smart, wonderful little boy.

He makes me artwork to take to work and put up for others to see. He is precious. He is precocious. He is silly. He is funny. He has a wicked sense of humor. He teases his Mama about having girlfriends! He says he has lots of girlfriends just to get a rise out of me.

11. Other child/case specific information you wish the court to consider:



We love him so much! Pictured with Foster mom and his cousin; Batman and Batgirl. RCW 13.50.100 calls his niece “baby girl;” he loves her very much!

Caregiver's Signature: RCW 42.56.250(4)

Signature Date: **3/28/16**

Caregiver's Printed Name: RCW 42.56.250(4) **Foster Mom)**

Caregiver's Report to the Court

Child's Name: **RCW 13.50.100**

Legal Case Number:

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County with Legal Jurisdiction: **King**

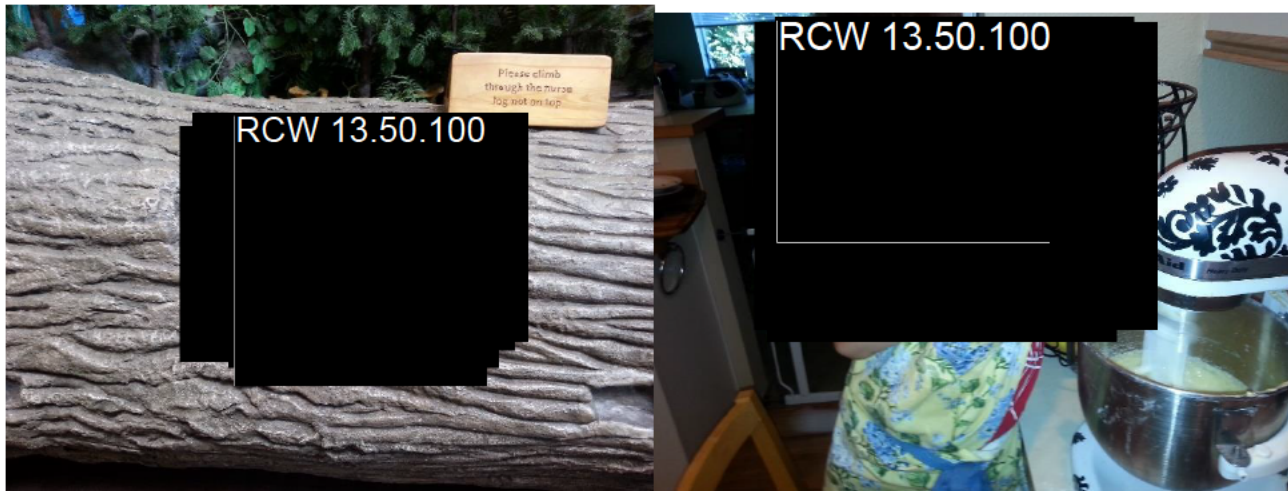
Caregiver Name/Person providing information: **Foster Mom**

Child's Assigned Social Worker: **Erin Yanus**

Please return Caregiver Report Form (via email, US Postal Service or in person) to the child's assigned social worker and/or guardian ad litem.

TOPICS:

1. Child's strengths, hobbies, gifts, talents, participation in extra-curricular activities/events:



I wish you could meet the little boy in these photos. He is sweet; he is opinionated, and fun. He is pictured here at the Seattle Children's Museum, and baking cookies. He has 2 aprons, one to cook/bake with Mama and one to BBQ with Papa. If it was up to Bug (our sweet nickname for him), he would make sweet treats every day! **RCW 13.50.100** is an adorable, fun, silly little guy. He loves to help with chores. He especially loves to help put away dishes and cook. He especially loves baking cookies. He has a sweet tooth!

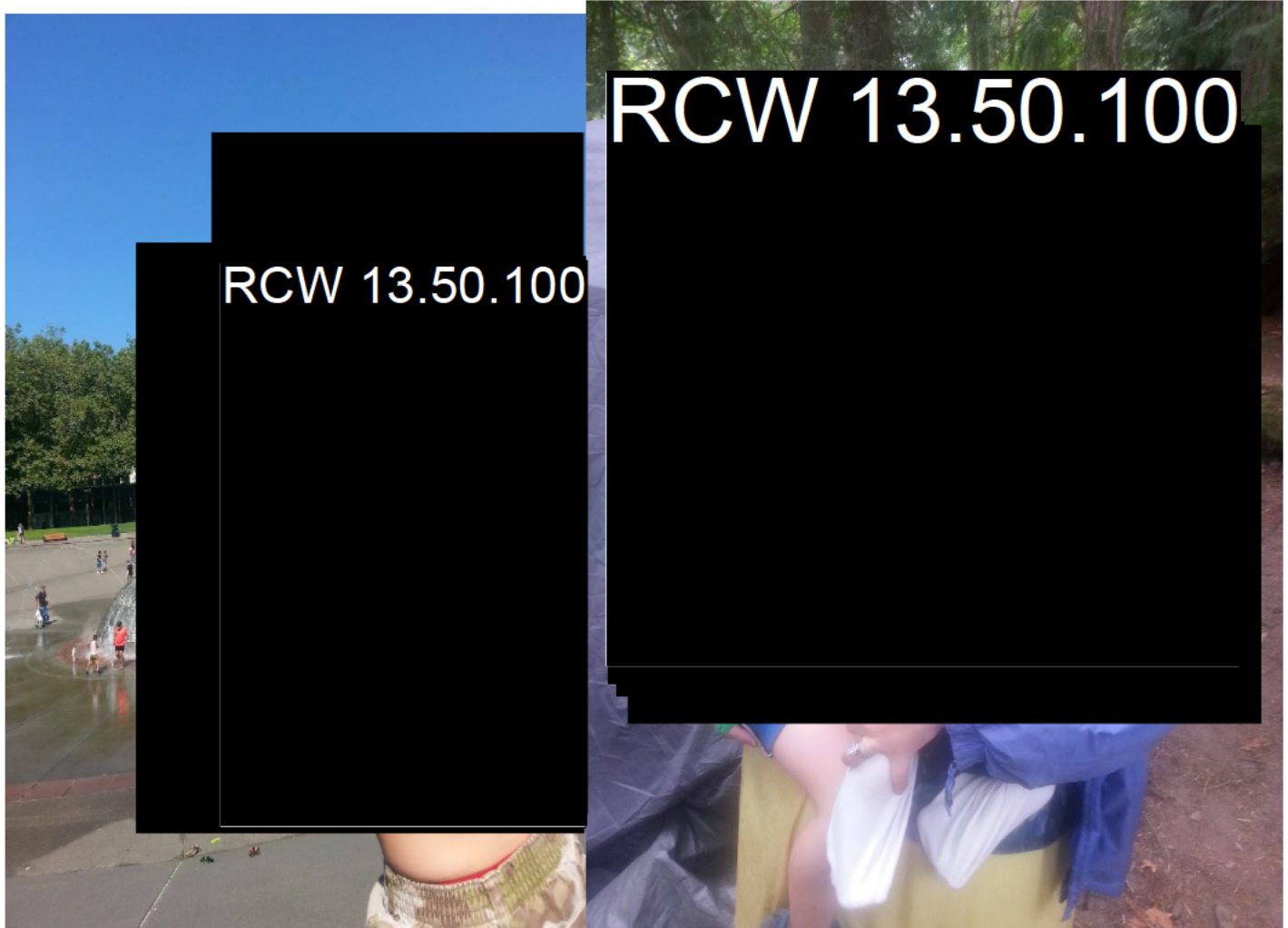
He is a very adventurous eater. Even my hot pho is fair game for this little guy. He likes all types of food. He loves Chinese food, Mediterranean food, and is willing to try anything, especially if it is on Mama's plate. He initially came to us hoarding food. Normally parents are not excited about a picky eater, but we rejoiced when he started getting picky about food because it told us that he is not worried about having enough and worrying about where the next meal is coming from.

Lately, Little Bug has been developing his sense of humor. He is very silly and likes to tease. Now, he will also attempt to say something funny, and then follow it up with, "Mama/Papa that is a joke (giggle, giggle)." It makes us laugh every time!

He has become more and more athletic. It took him some time to learn how to play, but now he loves going to the park (which is almost a daily occurrence- rain or shine). He can actually do the monkey bars ALL by

himself! It took him awhile to figure out how bike pedals work, but he can now pedal around on his bike that we have for him, and we are working on his balance with a balance bike. He loves running, and is super fast. He is pictured below flexing his muscles for us! ☺ He is such a ham! He loves looking at pictures of himself and loves being in pictures.

He loves camping. He loves being outdoors. He has the impeccable ability to get very filthy very quickly. He loves dirt and mud and playing in the water! He loves swimming in the rivers, creeks, lakes, ocean. Any body of water, he is set! We are on a waiting list for him to attend swimming through his OT and speech therapy clinic. He attended gymnastics and loved it! We plan to reenroll this fall after school starts. He also expressed keen interest in dance. We plan to enroll him in Dance as well. The boy has moves!



RCW 13.50.100 has a big heart and is very empathetic towards others (this was not always the case though. This has been a learned behavior over time.) He is very protective of “his people.” He loves “big” without abandon.

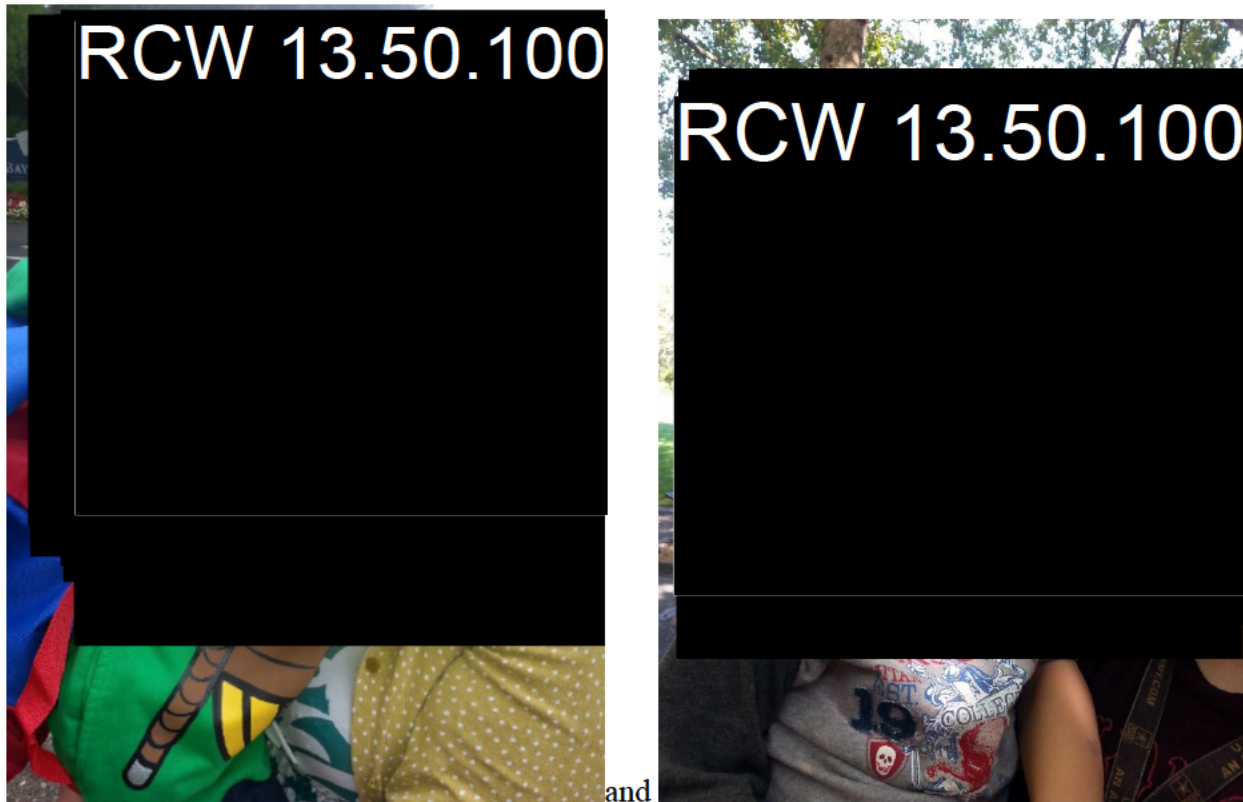
RCW 13.50.100 came to us with very limited language, but one phrase he mastered quickly was “I love you big.”

RCW 13.50.100 has completed 1 course of speech therapy. With the therapy with the reading to him every day and talking with him, his language has grown exponentially. He has his own thoughts, feelings, and impression, and now he can actually communicate those to us! I love being able to have a conversation with him. He is so thoughtful, and comes up with the wackiest stuff.

RCW 13.50.100 is very bright. He figures things out and is especially good at manipulating objects and tinkering with them. He has a very curious mind and is always thinking about things and processing things. He figured out our very complicated baby gate, that some adults cannot figure out, in less than a day. He is very mechanical. He likes to build things and process things.

RCW 13.50.100 is starting Kindergarten on 9/7. He is so excited, but also nervous and anxious. He picked out a Minion Backpack and a Spiderman Backpack. For his 5th birthday (which was RCW 13.50.100, we had a huge water themed birthday party, he had a great time. He received as gifts: a Batman coat and Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle Coat. He is so excited to wear them. He has an obsession with TMNT and owns several of the figurines as well. His Papa exposed him to the wonder of the Turtles, and RCW 13.50.100 loves them!

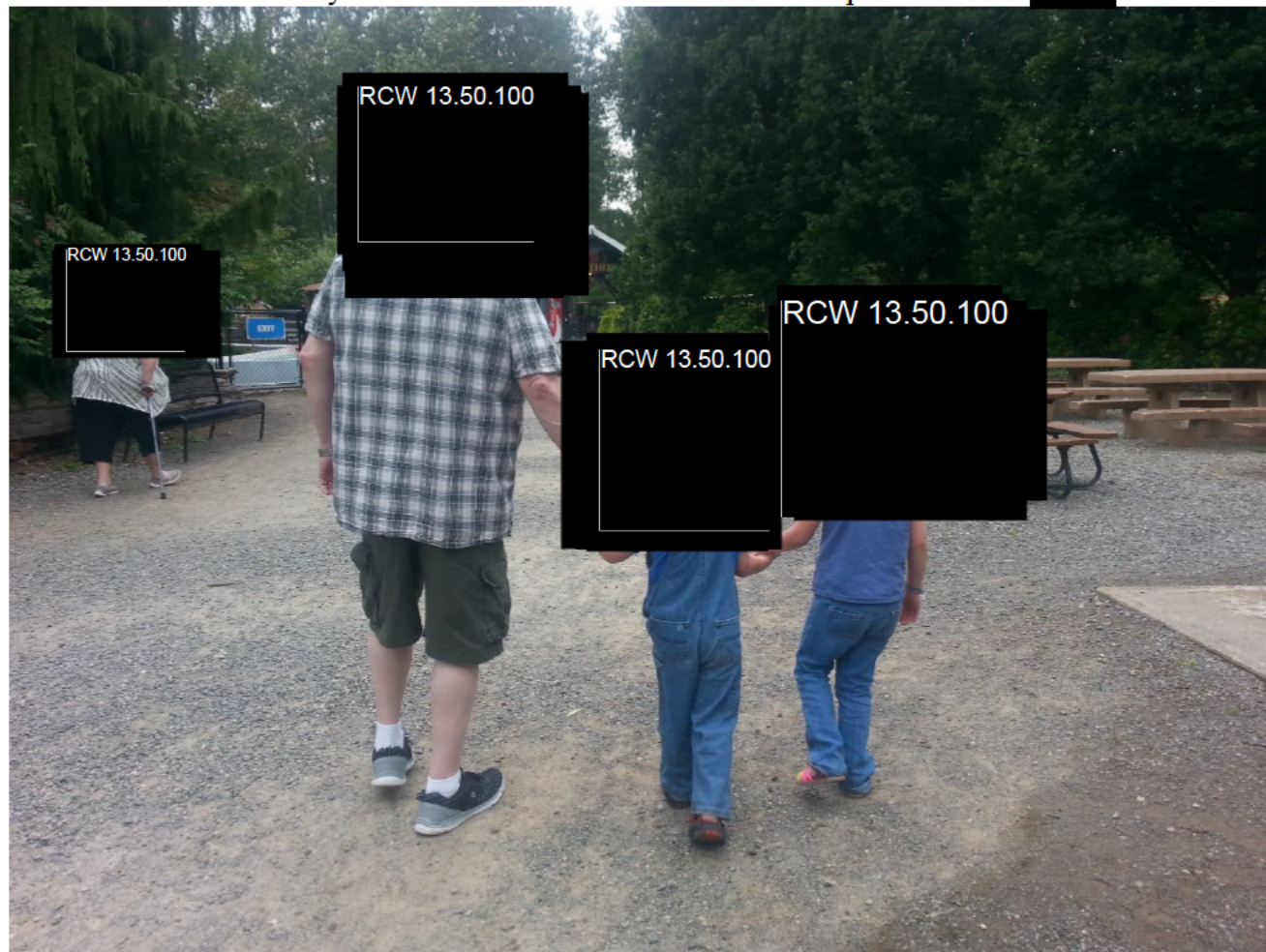
2. Child's social interaction with caregiver family, peers and siblings:



Our family consists of Mama, Papa, RCW 13.50.100 and baby (another foster baby); We also consider baby RCW 13.50.100 (RCW 13.50.100 brother) and RCW 13.50.100 (RCW 13.50.100 sister) as part of our family. We love them so much and miss them. RCW 13.50.100 immediately bonded with Mama. He was much more afraid and wary of any men. He does not do well with men in general. He absolutely loves his Papa now, but it took time to develop that trust. We had to teach RCW 13.50.100 that we would not hurt him and that he was safe. He loves reading books with Papa and playing with Papa.

He is parentified. He seemed to be the primary caregiver to his sister. He tends to take a caretaking role and interacts with children younger than him easily in that caretaker role. He does not seem to know how interact with children his own age. He seems to be a lot more quiet around people he does not know, but he can warm up quickly. He prefers to play with adults over children his own age. He loves playing with and engaging with all the foster babies that we've cared for. He does have a sense of loss when they leave us. He becomes very attached to them. We talk about how this is for baby's best interest when they have to leave us. When this does occur though; it does reignite RCW 13.50.100 own fears of leaving. He will come to us and explain that he does not want to leave. Through his behaviors we understand that he is processing the loss.

He loves our extended family: Grandma, Grandpa, Aunts, Uncles, and cousins. He is spoiled and loved by all of them. He loves his Auntie (calls her [RCW 13.50.100]) and his Grandpa ([RCW 13.50.100]). He came up with the names, but we all absolutely adore them! He also loves his cousins, one he calls "Baby Girl" and the other one "cousin". He ensures that we call [RCW 13.50.100] at least every other day and demands that we see him often. He actually grabs Mama's phone and calls [RCW 13.50.100] at least every other day. He loves seeing them and playing with them. It is abundantly clear that he loves them so much! He is pictured with [RCW 13.50.100] and "Cousin."



3. Child's school progress and adjustment:

[RCW 13.50.100] came to us with very limited language, not potty-trained, with food hoarding, shy, cautious, terrified, and scared. Initially he was scared of everything; the only thing that gave him comfort was his brother. He was especially scared of men. He had constant tantrums. Angry outbursts, was destructive, hurt himself, hurt his brother, and we needed to help him so that he would not hurt himself. He had constant nightmares. One night, I counted 7 nightmares in one night. He had deep circles under his eyes and would be scared to go to bed. He is scared of monsters and bad guys. He is terrified of being abandoned. He has triggers that we are still beginning to learn and understand.

He is now doing very well. We got him placed in [RCW 13.50.100], a therapeutic learning center. He is doing well there. We initially had him at [RCW 13.50.100]. It was rough. He has severe separation anxiety. Every time we left the room, he would freak out as he thought we were abandoning him. [RCW 13.50.100] had a very tough time with him as he would scream almost the entire time that he was there. It was really hard on him and us. He is doing better at transitions, but he does struggle with change.

Structure helps him. We explain what is going to happen and prepare [RCW 13.50.100] for all the upcoming events. We engage in therapeutic behavior modification. [RCW 13.50.100] trusts us and knows that we will come back for him. We still have to reassure him that we will return constantly, but it is much better than it was initially. He no longer food hoards to the extent he did initially. We still worry about overeating as he will eat until he cannot eat anymore.

He is now potty trained, although when his brother was moved without notice to us, he regressed substantially. We are now back to full potty training, and he is almost completely potty trained at night as well. When he does have a triggering traumatic event, he does regress. But we are working through all of those.

He talks a lot now; his vocabulary is blossoming. He loves books. Some kids may sleep with stuffed animals, [RCW 13.50.100] sleeps with books. He is talking a lot more. He needs assistance with pronouncing words sometimes. You can actually hold a conversation and talk to [RCW 13.50.100] now. He can express himself and express his needs. He is sweet; he is cute; he is funny! He is adorable! We love him!

The tantrums are lessening as the triggers are learned and avoided. When visitation was ongoing, the tantrums, nightmares, and triggers were constant. Now that no visitation is occurring at all, the behaviors are less. He knows he is safe and trusts us to keep him safe and protected. We talk about how he is safe on a daily basis. He is triggered by going over the grandparents house where the babies live. On 2 occasions [RCW 13.50.100] was present for those visits. On the first visit, he told [RCW 13.50.100] that he was going to get him back and have him live with him. We were surprised to hear this. [RCW 13.50.100] was upset to hear this. He regressed substantially and had numerous nightmares that night. He advised us multiple times, tearfully, that he did not want to leave us. He wants to live here.

The SW was advised; she told [RCW 13.50.100] and the grandparents that [RCW 13.50.100] was not to be present. Despite this, on [RCW 13.50.100] next visit, [RCW 13.50.100] was present. He told [RCW 13.50.100] he wanted him to meet his new mommy ([RCW 13.50.100] new girlfriend). [RCW 13.50.100] came home from that visit and clung to Mama crying, sobbing that he did not want to leave. After these 2 very traumatic visits and in discussion with [RCW 13.50.100] therapist, she advised that the behaviors and triggers were caused by being over in the grandparents home. [RCW 13.50.100] lived there himself for 1.5 years and has stories, some positive, many negative, about his time living there.

4. Child's physical health (state results of medical and dental appointments):

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Physically, RCW 13.50.100 is doing great. He is growing and getting bigger. He came to us in 3T clothes. He is now about ready to size up into 5 clothes. He has grown about a foot, and is doing wonderfully physically.

He came to us with a pretty nasty cough that has resurfaced a little bit every time he gets a cold.

He has attended his pediatrician regularly, and she is very happy with his growth development since being placed into our home.

5. Child's emotional health and well-being (counselor or therapist appointment schedule):

RCW 13.50.100 had outbursts, tantrums, nightmares, and a multitude of other challenges. We needed help. We got a referral from the pediatrician for a counselor.

RCW 13.50.100 sees the following counselors/therapists every week:

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RCW 13.50.100 has disclosed

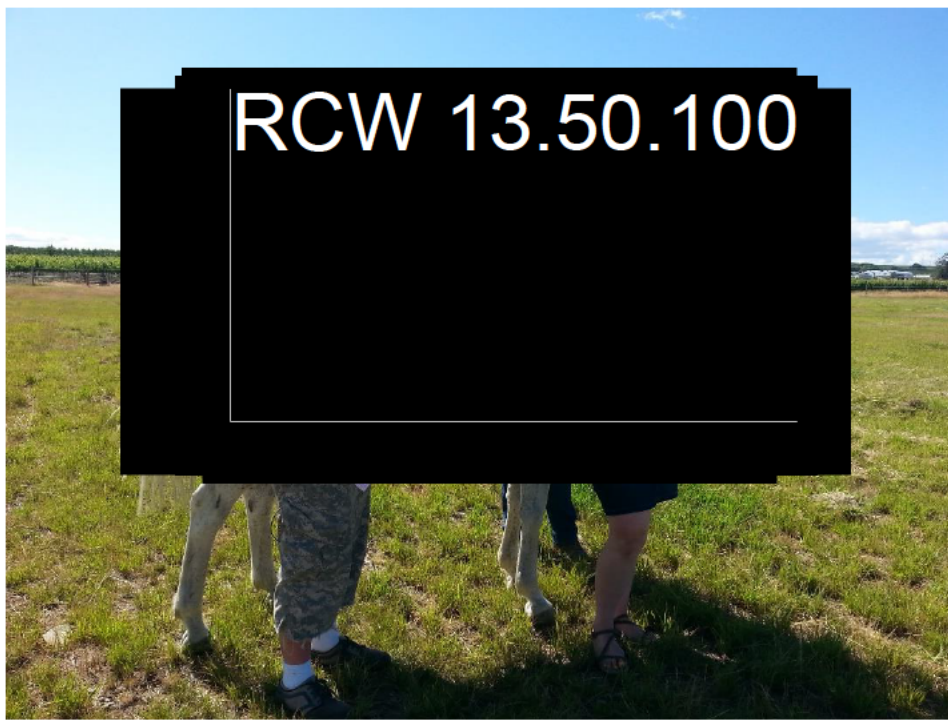
RCW 13.50.100 recently finished his Occupational Therapy and Speech Therapy courses. He is now on another waiting list for these to start up again. These are 1x per week visits.

We completed the Child Find Eval through the RCW 13.50.1 School. He was RCW 13.50.100

RCW 13.50.100. He qualified RCW 13.50.100. He will be starting kindergarten. He will be a very young kindergartener, but we decided if he needs to be held back, we can make that determination later. He is so smart and catching up so quickly! We think with our help he will be caught up to his peers in no time at all. He will be attending the RCW 13.50.100 which is a more therapeutic environment for children RCW 13.50.100.

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He loves it here. He wants to stay. He encourages us to follow the “Home Rules” if we forget. He will point out negative behaviors that he sees others doing and make observations that those behaviors are not appropriate. He understands our expectations. He actually without prompting apologizes when he does something that is not appropriate. He is self-sufficient, but enjoys having help and individualized one-on-one attention.

He loves horses “woosies” as he calls them. He loves riding them and is so comfortable around him. He is lucky that we have family willing to indulge him (as it will otherwise get very expensive). Immediately after this photo he placed the hat on the horse’s head (after removing it from mine!)

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RCW 13.50.100 has not seen his mother since he entered care. He mentions on a daily basis that “mommy hurt me; mommy slapped me [he will demonstrate how]; mommy hurt ___[insert body part].” He does the same thing with Daddy. Daddy is RCW 13.50.100 his step-father figure. “Daddy hurt my leg.” “Daddy and mommy hurt my foot, etc...” He also mentions that mommy “broke his birthday.” He has disclosed very serious physical abuse RCW 13.50.100. He is scared of monsters and bad guys. He has qualified RCW 13.50.100 and Mommy as “bad guys.”

He has also disclosed RCW 13.50.100 from Mommy’s brother RCW 13.50.100” as RCW 13.50.100 calls him.

When RCW 13.50.100 sees RCW 13.50.100 RCW 13.50.100 parents, he has had consist nightmares, night terrors, and more tantrums and behaviors. It has gotten to the point that his counselor believes it is no longer in RCW 13.50.100 best interest to have visitation at the grandparent’s house.

8. Your view on the needs of the child:

He needs a CASA/GAL.

He needs more time with his siblings.

But the time with his siblings needs to be elsewhere. He needs a trigger free environment without [RCW 13.50.100] or grandparents present to allow him to focus on his siblings.

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(Grandparents have only allowed visitation maybe once, occasionally twice a month, but only at their home on Sundays at 2pm. This is super inconvenient, but they refuse to allow visitation any other day or at any other time. They will not allow us to take the children anywhere, and refuse to accommodate any other schedule. However, they also have repeatedly had [RCW 13.50.100] over at the home despite being told he was not to be present.)

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He needs finality and permanency.

10. Your thoughts on Department's case plan:

I do not know what the Department's case plan is; but we want what is in the best interest of the child. (Selfishly, we'd love to keep him and adopt him.) He is a joy. He is wonderful. He is a brilliant, smart, wonderful little boy.

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11. Other child/case specific information you wish the court to consider:

We are always willing to take [RCW 13.50.100] and [RCW 13.50.100] to our home to facilitate visitation, or for longer visits. Whatever is in their best interest is what we want. We love [RCW 13.50.100] and his siblings. They are very sweet children.

[RCW 13.50.100] needs finality. He needs to be able to know that he has a forever family and a forever home. The current situation is unstable and does not promote mental health wellbeing. We want to be that forever family for [RCW 13.50.100]

Caregiver's Signature: [RCW 42.56.250(4)]

Signature Date: **8/24/16**

Caregiver's Printed Name: [RCW 42.56 250(4)]

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Date: 2/3/2017 7:15:24 PM

Subject: PENDING CASE- RCW 13.50.100

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Hello,

The adorable little 5 year old boy pictured above is drifting without assistance. He has been in care for about a year and a half now. His needs are not being addressed by his SWs. In fact his case procedural history is absolutely outrageous. He needs a CASA appointed ASAP!

Child's name: RCW 13.50.100

DOB: RCW 13.50.100 2011

Social Worker: Erin Yanus

Social Worker Supervisor: Desiree Rollins

Office Administrator: Cleveland King (Kent Office)

A little history on RCW 13.50.100 case:

He was placed in our home in October 2015 with his little brother RCW 13.50. His little sister RCW 13.50 was placed with another foster family. We coordinated visitation and became good friends with this other foster family. RCW 13.50 was able to see all his siblings regularly.

RCW 13.50 came to our home filthy, only about 10-20 words, not potty trained, very developmentally delayed, and with rotten teeth. He was four years old. As he developed language over time, he was able to tell us just some of the heinous things he had been subjected to and witnessed over time. We called these in to End Harm. They advised us to please call these things in as they had so many

open complaints about him that they really did not need anymore. He had a very tough life.

Once he came to us though, we provided him with the most stable, loving home that he had ever been in. We loved him through his trauma and got him hooked into needed services. He was our first placement. We assumed the SW would assist us getting him services. It became apparent that she was going to do nothing, except accuse us of stealing other people's children and mention that we are not the same race as [RCW 13.50] so thus we would not understand his needs. We went to the pediatrician. We got referrals to Occupational Therapy, Speech Therapy, and Counseling. We also flexed our lifestyle to stay at home with him until we could get him into therapeutic day cares. We knew we could not just put him in a mediocre daycare. He has such significant attachment and abandonment issues. We were able to get him into [RCW 13.50.100] and [RCW 13.50.100]. He did very well there. We were able to get him involved in all his therapies.

Fast forwarding, [RCW 13.50] was being forced to go to visitation with [RCW 13.50] to see [RCW 13.50.10] father (not [RCW 13.50.100] father). This person, according to [RCW 13.50.10] subjected him to significant trauma. There was no need for [RCW 13.50] to be at these visitations. He was diagnosed with [RCW 70.02.020] and post-visitation, he had severe triggers, significant nightmares and behaviors. I could set a watch by the behaviors exhibited post-visit. We voiced our concerns about this. Instead of listening to us and [RCW 13.50.100] counselor, the SW said that we are not supporting the department. So, she would just move the child. Anytime we voiced concerns, she threatened us.

This SW was later fired/left the department. Desiree Rollins became in charge of the case. One day when the children were returned from a visit, the visitation supervisor advised us that they were moving the baby tomorrow. We were appalled. [RCW 13.50] was parentified when he came into care. He showed us how to prop a bottle to feed [RCW 13.50] because he thought that would be helpful. He knew how to care for [RCW 13.50]. He would fall into those patterns when we got all the kids together. However, being able to be a child with his little brother was very therapeutic for him. We knew a move would be very traumatic for him.

We knew that department policy required FTDMs and transition plans. We knew none of those things had occurred here. Rollins was not responsive; she did not respond to emails, phone calls, etc. She was not receptive to emails regarding [RCW 13.50.100] needs. Finally, after emails to her, we get an email saying that she should have told us. Baby is moving tomorrow. We were naturally upset. I got on the phone and email and went up the line, ultimately getting Rollins in trouble. She allowed us to keep the baby until Monday. She held a perfunctory FTDM on Monday, but ordered us to bring all baby's things to the FTDM. The other foster parents were not as active in getting Rollins in trouble. They moved [RCW 13.50] on that day (Friday). We thought the discrepancy in treatment was odd.

At the FTDM Rollins would not acknowledge our presence. Dismissed our concerns, and we cold, rude, icy. She clearly did not appreciate that we had advocated for our children's needs. They did not even transition the kids. There was no need for an emergent move. [RCW 13.50] regressed substantially post-move. [RCW 13.50] at that point was potty trained, working on night time potty training, and had language abilities. He had significant nightmares, needed diapers again, and things were very rough for him. It was apparent Rollins did not consider [RCW 13.50.100] needs at all.

We did coordinate visits with the paternal grandparents. But at one point they cut us off from visits because they claimed, that we spoiled [RCW 13.50]. That [RCW 13.50] missed us too much post-visits and was very upset. Thus, they did not want any of us over there. They refused to allow us to take the kiddos anywhere else or have visitation anywhere else. They also would not allow us to hold [RCW 13.50] too much

or bounce him, because that was spoiling him. This impacted [RCW 13.50.100] When they allowed us to restart visits, they would have the father present at visits which impacted [RCW 13.50.100] The SW (Erin Yanus) did step in to prevent this. But the paternal grandparents did not listen. The counselor at this point advised it may not be in [RCW 13.50.100] best interest to see any of them due to his trauma. But then the children were returned home to father.

We attended every court hearing. [RCW 13.50.100] was always treated as an afterthought because birth mom was not showing up. She has not seen [RCW 13.50.100] since he entered care. The other children were ultimately returned home to father. [RCW 13.50.100] case has just tracked along with the other children's.

Then September 26, 2016, we kept [RCW 13.50.100] home from school for the first time ever. He had been a little sick that weekend. We had taken him to the [RCW 13.50.100] Fair and for a walk on that Sunday to pick apples. Then Monday came, and he was sick. He developed a huge rash on his face. We were naturally concerned. We rushed him to the doctor. The doctor just advised that kids sometimes get rashes at the end of sickness. She gave him medications in the office and sent us home with prescriptions. It was past [RCW 13.50.100] bedtime at that time. He was overtired and had not eaten dinner. We got him a Wendy's kids meal and ran to the pharmacy to fill his prescriptions. The female pharmacy talked to him. She asked him if he was sure he would not swallow the drinkable kids stuff. (He really won't! We have tried everything! We have tried putting it in things... he always detects it!) He promised her that he absolutely will not take the oral stuff. She educated me on how to cut the tablets in half for him.

We got him home. Quick bath, and creams on his rash all over his face, head, ear. Bedtime ritual (scripture, prayers, bedtime story books, cuddles, Mama/Papa holds his hand till he falls asleep, sometimes songs.) and bed. It was late.

The next morning, I went off to work. [RCW 13.50.100] always made me promise to kiss him goodbye. Sometimes he would even get up and give me hug and kisses before I left. Then he would lock the door and skedaddle back to bed. He was too tired for that this morning- Sept 27th, 2016. I gave him kisses and left. He was so tired. The rash was still prominently on his face/head/ear. We did not think about sending a note or calling the school. Still new to this parenting thing. I wish I had taken photos and sent them with the email to the SW regarding this event. But, I can not go back in time.

An allegation was made by the school... not by the doctor who is a mandatory reporter, not the pharmacist who has obligations to call in child abuse, not by anyone until some random person at school saw his face and assumed the worst. [RCW 13.50.100] was picked up that day.

Ultimately the allegation was determined unfounded. We were investigated thoroughly nothing came of it. Our licensed was fully reinstated.

Since that time, we have been offered a five year old boy for an adoptive home, a 14 day old baby, and been called multiple times by placement to take other children. It is apparent that we are a viable home.

However, since leaving our home, [RCW 13.50.100] has been moved upwards of 4 times. He has been on the placement list numerous times. We have asked and begged for [RCW 13.50.100] to be returned to us. However, Desiree Rollins is being vindictive, punitive, and retaliatory. She was the supervisor of the SW that threatened to move [RCW 13.50.100] initially if we made too many waves and made her job difficult. We actually got her in trouble. And she is now taking this opportunity to exact revenge, but at the expense of a

child. A sweet loving little boy! The SW/Supervisor told us that while the investigation was still pending that if it did not matter the outcome, they will not be placing him back with us. I asked the DLR investigator if she had EVER heard of a situation like this. She advised that she had not heard of another time that a SW did this. The SW in the police report lied: she said I did not tell her about the incident. I have a documented email. Then she resorted to name-calling, describing me as an "over-sharerer." I am protecting our child.

We have documented evidence that CA has not followed protocol or procedure. It is procedure to place a child back into a known foster home. We still have our license. If CA thought we were not safe for children, we would not have gotten our license back. We have been offered other children, even a 5 year old boy! They never provided an ISSP ever at any time. Baby and [REDACTED] came back into care. We were known, beloved, family-figures to them. They did not call us for placement. They cannot even argue that it was because of the allegation (which has been the party line when broached, even though it was determined unfounded) because there were no allegations at all with those two.

[REDACTED] is drifting and is being lost in the cracks. We asked for CASA/GAL to be assigned almost from day one. He needs someone who will actually advocate for his needs and his rights. It is apparent that CA will not do so. This is absolutely outrageous that his child suffers while the SW/Supervisors act in a selfish, retaliatory, vindictive manner. We were [REDACTED] voice that got his needs addressed.

We love him more than is even adequately able to be described. We have been fighting to get him back. Despite our open beds and open license, placement was advised by the SW/SW supervisor that she was not allowed to place [REDACTED] with us. Due to the personal vendetta the department has against us, they refuse to act in [REDACTED] best interest.

Please assign him a CASA ASAP!

Please review the 2 court reports below to see a little into our family, [REDACTED] growth and development, and how [REDACTED] being with us is in his best interest.

Kind regards,

RCW 42.56.250(4)

Caregiver's Report to the Court

Child's Name: **RCW 13.50.100**

Legal Case Number:

Hearing Date: **04/14/2016**

County with Legal Jurisdiction: **King**

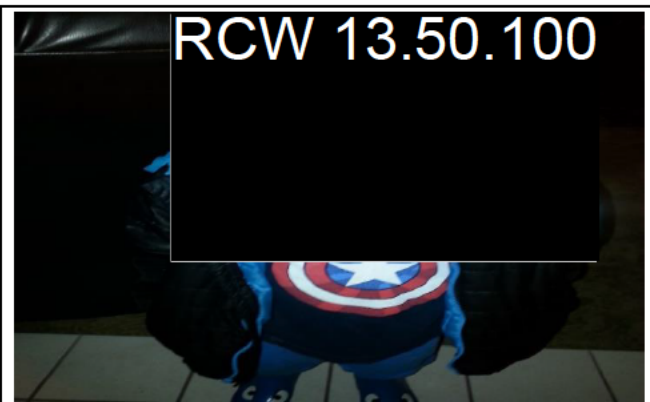
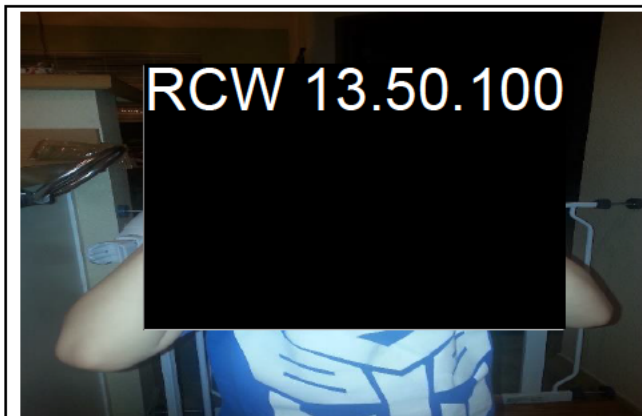
Caregiver Name/Person providing information: **Foster Mom; Foster Dad will be present for the hearing on 4/14/16**

Child's Assigned Social Worker: **Desiree Rollins**

Please return Caregiver Report Form (via email, US Postal Service or in person) to the child's assigned social worker and/or guardian ad litem.

TOPICS:

1. Child's strengths, hobbies, gifts, talents, participation in extra-curricular activities/events:



RCW 13.50.100 sings now! That may not mean anything to someone who has not been with him constantly, but the amazing journey of this sweet little boy is culminated by singing. When **RCW 13.50.100** came to us, he was quiet, afraid, fearful, anxious, on high alert and constantly being triggered (fight, flight or freeze) by his surroundings, singing was not part of his life. **RCW 13.50.100** was silent. He was watchful, he was wary. His silence was interrupted by

screaming tantrums and nonsensical words. language alluded him. Sleep and nighttime had its own set of concerns as sleep was punctuated and staccatoed by the screams of his nightly nightmares. But, RCW 13.50.100 sings now!

“Mama, those are my ears! Mama take a picture of me and my ears,” that is what RCW 13.50.100 told me which prompted me to take that photo of his cucumber “ears;” well that, and he is so adorable! RCW 13.50.100 is an adorable, fun, silly little guy. He loves to help with chores. He especially loves to help put away dishes and cook. He has 2 aprons; 1 for cooking with Mama and the other for bbqing and grilling with Papa. He loves his aprons. He especially loves baking cookies and being involved in the kitchen. He has a sweet tooth; if there is anything sweet in the house, he will find it!

The transition from fearful boy to fun loving little guy took time. The sweet, caring little boy was there, but we had to ensure that he knew he was safe and protected before he began to let us see his sweet loving side. We rightfully had to earn his trust.

et us tell you a little bit about our lovely boy. He is an adventurous eater. ven my hot pho is fair game for this little guy. He likes all types of food, especially veggies. He initially came to us hoarding food. He would wake in the middle of the night and take/eat food. He would eat until his tummy hurt (he still does; we are working with him on this.) arly on with us, we made Cr me Brule. We placed it in the fridge to cool with plans to eat it later. My husband was out, and I was in the back bedroom. I heard a shuffling noise and the pitter patter of little feet back to RCW 13.50.100 bedroom; I looked around and did not think much of it at the time. A bit later, I pulled out the Cr me Brule; there was a little handful of it gone with fingerprints. Being a new mom, I assumed it was my husband; he quickly advised that it was not him, and at that point we both clearly reali ed what had occurred. We started laughing uncontrollably. We still giggle about the “Crème Brule” incident!

Normally parents are not excited about a picky eater, but we rejoiced when he started getting picky about food because it told us that he is no longer worried about having enough nor is he worried about where the next meal is coming from. RCW 13.50.100 disclosed that “Mommy was mean” and would not share the food that they had to eat but would eat in front of him.

Our little guy is a fashionista! He loves clothes and dressing himself. He has an impeccable sense of style. He may occasionally change his clothes multiple times a day, much to our chagrin. He also loves to help Mama pick out her clothes, jewelry, and shoes for the day. He loves to style her and help her shop as well. He will always tell you what he thinks of an outfit.

He has a big heart and is very empathetic towards others (this was not always the case though. This has been a learned behavior over time.) He is very protective of “his people.” He loves “big” without abandon. RCW 13.50.100 came to us with very limited language, but one phrase he mastered quickly was “I love you big.”

He is very athletic. We go to the park almost every day to let him run, climb, and play. He quickly masters physical activities and climbs as high as he can go. He scares us at times with his physical abilities to climb higher and higher on the playground equipment, but he is quick and has sure footing, and we are always close by to ensure he is safe. He loves the outdoors. He would prefer to be outdoors over almost anywhere! He is a fast runner. He will definitely be a force to be reckoned with as he gets older.

We have him registered for gymnastics starting end of April, which RCW 13.50.100 is very excited about. He is also going to start swimming lessons. We have begun to teach him, ourselves, how to swim, and he has taken to it like a fish.